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OF THE

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

General Convention of the New Jerusalem

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

HELD IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, PA., FROM THURSDAY,
MAY 29TH, TO SATURDAY, MAY 31ST, 1884.

THURSDAY, May 29, 1884.

1. THE Ministers and Delegates to the Convention met at 10 o'clock, A.M., in the House of Worship of the First New-Jerusalem Society of Philadelphia.

2. The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. Chauncey Giles, who conducted the usual religious services, and delivered his annual address.

3. Mr. W. N. Hobart, of Cincinnati, O., Rev. A. F. Frost, of Detroit, Mich., and Mr. A. W. Parker, of Boston, Mass., were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

4. The Secretary read Section 4 of the By-Laws.

5. The Report of the Secretaries was read.

6. The Report of the Treasurer was presented in print, and the reading was dispensed with.

7. The Report of the Executive Committee was presented in print and read.

8. The Report of the Board of Publication was presented in print, and the reading was dispensed with.

9. The Reports of the Treasurer of the Theological School Fund, of the Board of Directors of the Theological School, of the Trustees of the Building Fund, of the Trustee of the Rice Legacy, of the Trustees of the Rotch Legacy, and of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs were read.

10. It was *voted*, That the reading of Reports in the order mentioned in the By-Laws be dispensed with so far as special arrangements have been made in the programme of the Convention.

11. The Reports of the Canada, Maine, and Michigan Associations, of the Rev. Adams Peabody, of the Missouri Association, of the New-York Association, of the General Church of Pennsylvania, of the Edenfield, Pa., Society, of the First New-Jerusalem Society of San Francisco, and of the Savannah, Ga., Society were read.

12. The Reports of the Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D. D., of the Rev. F. W. Türk, of the Rev. W. H. Benade, and of the Rev. John Goddard, as Ordaining Ministers, were read.

13. The Reports of the Iungerich Trustees, of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, and of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association were read.

14. The Committee on Credentials having received the credentials of the Delegates, reported the Roll of the Convention; which, as finally corrected and completed, is as follows:—

Roll.

President.—REV. CHAUNCEY GILES, Philadelphia.

CANADA ASSOCIATION.

Minister.—Rev. E. D. Daniels, Toronto.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. L. P. Mercer, Chicago; Rev. W. H. Schliffer, Peoria.

Delegates.—Alexander Officer, C. H. Cutler, Dr. L. Pratt, Chicago; Matthew Burton, Joseph Burton, Batavia.

MAINE ASSOCIATION.

Minister.—Rev. W. B. Hayden, Portland.

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. Jabez Fox, Washington, D. C.; Rev. J. B. Parmelee, Wilmington, Del.; Rev. J. W. Hunt, Baltimore, Md.

Delegates.—Job Barnard, Dr. R. B. Donaldson, R. D. Mussey, H. C. Spencer, Washington, D. C.; William H. Swift, William A. Smith, Wilmington, Del.; John W. Hunt, John Hitz, William M. Stelle, Washington, D. C.; Ephraim Deifendorfer, Easton, Md.; William R. Hunt, Chester, Pa; Geo. G. Lobdell, Wilmington, Del.

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. Joseph Pettee, Abington; Rev. S. M. Warren, Boston; Rev. W. H. Hinkley, Brookline; Rev. T. F. Wright, Bridgewater; Rev. James Reed, Boston; Rev. Warren Goddard, Jr., Providence, R. I.; Rev. John Worcester, Newtonville; Rev. W. H. Mayhew, Yarmouth; Rev. Henry E. Goddard, Brockton; Rev. J. K. Smyth, Boston Highlands.

Delegates.—J. B. Cobb, C. T. Dunham, Abington; A. C. Norton, F. L. Higgins, G. T. Hawley, J. B. Hale, J. G. Webster, E. S. Crandon, H. W. Oakman, W. J. Cutler, Horace Smith, D. L. Webster, J. F. Giles, W. H. Alden, A. W. Parker, A. W. Carter, Stanley B. Hildreth, N. C. Towle, Boston; Nahum Leonard, Bridgewater; F. M. Shaw, Brockton; Albert Mason, A. L. Cutler, Brookline; S. W. Keene, Samuel Shaw, East Bridgewater; E. E. Parker, Everett; G. I. Ward, Lancaster; E. A. Whiston, F. A. Dewson, Newtonville; Francis Pratt, Pawtucket; Thomas Hope, Jr., Providence, R. I.; Joseph Ropes, Salem; Nathan Foster, Springfield.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

Minister.—Rev. A. F. Frost, Detroit.

Delegate.—James B. Wayne, Detroit.

NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. S. S. Seward, New York; Rev. J. C. Ager, Rev. Sabin Hough, Rev. P. J. Faber, Brooklyn; Rev. C. H. Mann, Orange, N. J.; Rev. J. A. Lamb, Mystic, Conn.; Rev. B. D. Palmer, Poughkeepsie; Rev. E. R. Tuller, Vineland, N. J.

Delegates.—M. Bodine, Dr. A. Goodell, H. W. Guernsey, W. C. Church, F. J. Worcester, J. K. Smyth, J. B. McGeorge, A. H. Schoff, Dr. J. H. Forbes, E. A. Gibbens, E. H. Swinney, A. L. Kipp, New York; Dr. R. C. Moffat, L. S. Burnham, G. W. Colton, R. Chapman, S. A. Woodrow, Brooklyn; Manton Lord, Orange, N. J.; A. J. Auchterlonie, Newark, N. J.; Albert P. Schack, S. Holt, Jr., Paterson, N. J.; S. W. Dodge, Alvah L. Wiswell, C. F. Kellogg, Vineland, N. J.; Lyman Stevens, Syracuse.

OHIO ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. John Goddard, Rev. E. A. Beaman, Cincinnati; Rev. Frank Sewall, Urbana.

Delegates.—C. S. Cheever, W. N. Hobart, Cincinnati; M. G. Brown, Cleveland; Ezra Nicholson, East Rockport; T. A. Plantz, James M. Cooper, Pomeroy; C. H. Allen, Glendale.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. N. C. Burnham, Lancaster; Rev. L. H. Tafel, Rev. E. C. Bostock, Rev. W. F. Pendleton, Rev. E. J. E. Schreck, Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D.D., Philadelphia; John Whitehead, Rev. A. Czerney, Pittsburgh.

Delegates.—Dr. F. E. Boericke, Dr. E. A. Farrington, Dr. G. R. Starkey, A. J. Tafel, R. M. Glenn, Henry Schill, E. P. Anshutz, Chas. P. Stuart, E. S. Price, C. T. Odhner, Philadelphia; J. L. Koethen, G. M. Davison, Pittsburgh; W. J. Wieder, H. W. Zeppenfeld, Allentown.

MILWAUKEE SOCIETY.

Delegate.—E. R. Persons.

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION.

Delegate.—Henry G. Thompson.

Ministers not connected with an Association.—Rev. H. C. Dunham, Topeka, Ks.; Rev. S. C. Eby, St. Louis, Mo.

MEMBERS BY ELECTION.

Richard A. Lewis, Wm. McGeorge, Jr., Julien Shoemaker, and E. Burgess Warren, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ministers	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Delegates	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	102
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	142

VISITORS.

Dr. W. H. Holcombe, Mrs. Holcombe, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. H. G. Thompson, Miss Thompson, Milford, Conn.; Miss D. Hamblin, Yarmouthport, Mass.; Daniel Tracey, Vineland, N. J.; Mrs. Daniel Gwynne, Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Jabez Fox, Miss Fox, and Miss J. M. Seavey, Washington, D.C.; Miss Early, Lynchburg, Va.; J. R. Hoffer, Mount Joy, Pa.; Rev. B. F. Barrett, Germantown, Pa.; Mrs. E. A. Ruger, Galesburg, Ill.; Dr. S. M. Cate, Salem, Mass.; J. K. Dennett, New Orleans, La.

15. On motion of Mr. F. A. Dewson, it was *voted*, That a collection be taken up during the morning service on Sunday for the general uses of the Convention; and on Sunday evening for the use of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association.

16. The application of the Maryland Association for the investiture of the Rev. Jabez Fox, of that Association, with the office of General Pastor, was read, and referred to the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs.

17. The Convention took a recess until 2.30 o'clock.

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18. The Convention was called to order by the President.

19. It was *voted*, That the hour of half past three this afternoon be assigned for the election of officers.

20. It was *voted*, That a committee of one member from each delegation represented in this Convention be appointed by the President to nominate the elective members of the Executive Committee.

21. The Reports of the Ohio, Minnesota, and Illinois Associations were read.

22. A communication from Mr. A. Covalt, leader of the "Parsons Missionary Union," Kansas, was read.

23. The President announced the following gentlemen members of the Committee to nominate the elective members of the Executive Committee, namely: D. L. Webster, of Mass.; Mordaunt Bodine, of New York; J. L. Koethen, of Pa.; T. A. Plantz, of Ohio; Alexander Officer, of Ill.; J. B. Wayne, of Mich.; Rev. E. D. Daniels, of Can.; and Job Barnard, of Maryland.

24. The Reports of Rev. Messrs. H. C. Dunham, J. I. Herrick, Richard De Charms, John W. Lever, F. H. Hemperley, E. P. Walton, Berry Edmiston, James E. Mills, John H. Ragatz, C. Louis Carriere, and Gerhard Bussman were read; and the Report of Mr. Hemperley referred to the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs.

25. The Report of the Maryland Association was read.

26. Communications from the Rev. A. Boyesen, Stockholm, Sweden, and from Dr. George Daniely, of Budapest, Hungary, were read.

27. The Committee to nominate the elective members of the Executive Committee, reported the following names: James P. Baxter, of Maine; Rev. James Reed, and Albert Mason, of Massachusetts; Dr. R. C. Moffat, of New York; Rev. F. W. Türk, of Canada; W. N. Hobart, of Ohio; Dr. D. Cowley, and Julien Shoemaker, of Pennsylvania; Rev. Jabez Fox, of Washington, D.C.; and Alexander Officer, of Illinois.

28. The hour appointed for the election of officers having arrived, the President appointed the Rev. E. C. Bostock and Mr. H. W. Guernsey tellers to receive and count the ballots.

29. The Rev. Chauncey Giles and Rev. Joseph Pettee were nominated for the office of President.

30. Mr. Pettee declined the nomination.

31. Pending the collection and counting of the ballots for President, the Hon. T. A. Plantz was nominated for Vice-President.

32. Mr. Wm. McGeorge stated, on behalf of Judge Plantz, that that gentleman felt obliged to decline the nomination on account of the infirmities of age.

33. The Rev. John Worcester, the Rev. Frank Sewall, and Messrs. Albert Mason, W. N. Hobart, and D. L. Webster, were nominated for Vice-President.

34. Messrs. Webster, Mason, and Hobart declined the nomination.

35. The ballots for President having been counted, the Rev. Chauncey Giles was declared elected.

36. Mr. F. A. Dewson was nominated for Treasurer.

37. The Rev. W. H. Hinkley and Rev. S. S. Seward were nominated for Secretaries.

38. The Rev. Messrs. Ager and Mayhew were appointed tellers to collect and count the votes for Treasurer.

39. The ballots for Vice-President having been counted, the Rev. John Worcester, was declared elected.

40. The ballots for Treasurer having been counted, Mr. F. A. Dewson was declared elected.

41. The Rev. John Worcester offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously *adopted* by a rising vote:—

Resolved, That the Convention has received with regret the announcement that the Hon. T. A. Plantz feels compelled by infirmities to decline a re-nomination for the office of Vice-President of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Convention desires hereby to record its warm appreciation of the dignified, impartial, and useful service it has received for many years from Judge Plantz.

42. The ballots for Secretaries having been counted, Messrs. Hinkley and Seward were declared elected.

43. The ballots for the elective members of the Executive Committee having been counted, James P. Baxter, of Maine; Rev. James Reed and Albert Mason, of Massachusetts; Dr. R. C. Moffat, of New York; Rev. F. W. Türk, of Canada; W. N. Hobart, of Ohio; Dr. D. Cowley and Julien Shoe-

maker, of Pennsylvania; Rev. Jabez Fox, of Washington, D. C.; and Alexander Officer, of Illinois, were declared elected.

44. The Convention adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY, 10 o'clock A.M.

45. The Convention was called to order by the President, and the Rev. John Worcester conducted the religious exercises.

46. The Roll of the Convention was called, and the Minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

47. It was *voted*, That the address of the President be printed and circulated.

48. The Reports of the Massachusetts Association, of the Rev. Joseph Pettie as Ordaining Minister, and of the Rev. W. M. Goodner, were read.

49. A communication from the Southern New-Church Missionary Society was read.

50. A supplementary Report from the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs was read.

51. The Report of the German Missionary Union was read.

52. An appeal from members of the New Church in Kansas for aid to enable the Rev. W. M. Goodner to carry on missionary work in that State, was read.

53. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was read, and the following resolutions, recommended by the Committee, were *adopted*:—

Resolved, That this Convention hears with deep joy and gratitude of the completion by Prof. Scocia of the publication, in the Italian language, of the work entitled "The True Christian Religion"; and of his readiness, under the Divine Providence, to commence the translation and publication of the "Arcana Coelestia." In this great undertaking we desire to extend to him the support and encouragement of our earnest good-will, and the pledges of such pecuniary support as we may have the power to extend from time to time.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Board of Missions

the appropriation of the following sums in aid of the work in the countries named in the Report:—

To Prof. Loreto Scocia, Italy . . .	\$250.00
“ Rev. A. Schiweck, East Prussia . .	100.00
“ Rev. Wm. Winslow, Copenhagen . .	100.00
“ Rev. A. Boyesen, Stockholm . . .	100.00

54. A communication from Rev. F. Goerwitz, Zurich, Switzerland, was read.

55. The hour assigned in the programme for the consideration of the work of the Board of Missions having arrived, the Rev. W. H. Hinkley delivered an address on “The Missionary Work of the New Church during the First Century of its existence in America,” and read the Report of the Board of Missions.

56. The following resolution, recommended by the Board, was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America heartily sympathizes with the Rev. A. Boyesen and our Swedish brethren in their efforts to propagate the New-Church doctrines in Sweden, and especially in Stockholm, the home of Swedenborg; and knowing the importance of securing their recognition as a religious body by the erection of a building for worship and other purposes, recommends this object to the members of the New Church in the United States and Canada, as worthy of their aid.

57. The Rev. S. S. Seward delivered an address on “The kind of Missionary Work especially needed, and the kind of talent fitted to supply it,” and the Rev. J. R. Hibbard on “The special salutary results of Missionary Work, illustrated by his own experience”; after which Mr. Wm. McGeorge spoke upon “The most appropriate methods of raising Funds for Missionary operations.”

58. Mr. McGeorge offered the following resolutions, which were *adopted*:—

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Board of Missions,

the Board of Publication, and the Managers of the Theological School, to consider the propriety of systematically and at regular intervals making known to the Church at large their wants and plans, and appealing for aid and support; and doing this when practicable by the personal visitation of Societies and individuals by some or other of their respective officers; and when this is not practicable, by circulars, addresses, or appeals through the Church journals.

Resolved, That the Convention especially recommends all pastors to call the attention of their respective Societies, at regular intervals, to the general uses of the Church, to carefully explain their nature and the duties of their members in respect thereof, and thereupon to ask them to sustain these uses according to their ability, or their estimate of the relative importance of the same.

Resolved, That Societies generally be requested to provide that subscriptions be taken at certain regular intervals for the purpose of sustaining the general uses of the Church.

Resolved, That isolated receivers be, and they are hereby especially recommended to consider their duty in this regard, and to determine how far they are bound to devote their time and money to the advancement and sustaining of these general uses; and this the more that by reason of their isolated condition, they are not called upon to provide for the support of public worship, and to perform the general duties of active members of Societies.

59. The Convention took a recess until 2.30 o'clock.

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60. The Convention was called to order by the President.

61. Mr. Hinkley moved to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to drop the Missouri Association from the List of Bodies composing the Convention.

62. Mr. W. N. Hobart moved the following as an amendment: That the Societies reported in the Journal as belonging to the Association are cordially invited to become members of the Convention.

63. The amendment was *lost*.

64. On motion of Dr. Hibbard, the whole subject was *laid on the table*.

65. The recommendation of the Executive Committee to drop the Minnesota Association from the List of Bodies composing the Convention, was *laid on the table*.

66. On motion of Mr. W. N. Hobart, it was *voted*, That when the Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Cincinnati at such time as the President of the Convention may determine after consultation with the Cincinnati Society.

67. The Rev. J. R. Hibbard moved the following, which was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That the time of the next meeting of this Convention be published at least three months before the time of meeting, and shall not after that be changed unless by consent of three-fourths of the members of the Executive Committee obtained in writing.

68. The hour designated in the programme for the consideration of the work of the Board of Publication having arrived, Col. Wm. C. Church, of New York, addressed the Convention on "The Use of the Press in disseminating the Doctrines of the New Church," and the Rev. C. H. Mann on "The Needs and Uses of the *New-Jerusalem Messenger*."

69. After remarks by Messrs. Giles, Ager, Hobart, and Hough, the Rev. James Reed moved the following resolution, which was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to present to the Church a definite statement of its policy and needs, and especially to take steps to improve the character and increase the circulation of the *New-Jerusalem Messenger*.

70. The Rev W. H. Hinkley called the attention of the Convention to a memoir of Francis Bailey, prepared and presented to the Convention by Mr. John H. James, of Urbana, Ohio; and offered the following resolution, which was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be returned to Mr. John H. James for the memoir of his grandfather, Francis Bailey, and that the publishers of the *New-Jerusalem*

Magazine and of the *New-Jerusalem Messenger* be requested to publish the same in their respective periodicals.

71. The Convention adjourned to meet on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 10 o'clock A.M.

72. The Convention was called to order by the President, and the Rev. J. C. Ager conducted the usual religious services.

73. The Minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

74. The following preamble and resolution offered by the Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D. D., were *adopted* unanimously by a rising vote.

Whereas, Since the last annual meeting of this body the Rev. George Field has passed into the spiritual world ; therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention desires to express and record its appreciation of the important services rendered to the Church, especially in its beginnings in the States of Michigan and Illinois, by this able and earnest servant of the Lord, distinguished alike for his intelligence, zeal, and industry, and an "inflexible, and outspoken adherence to conviction, and who never allowed the love of popularity to stand in the way of duty."

75. The recommendation of the Executive Committee with regard to the status of the Missouri and Minnesota Associations was taken from the table, and the following preamble and resolution were offered.

Whereas, It appears from the Report of the Rev. Adams Peabody, President of the Missouri Association, and from other information, that that Association has practically suspended its operations as a general body of the Church, and is not likely to resume them for some time to come ; therefore,

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Executive Committee to drop the name of the Association from the list of bodies belonging to the Convention be concurred in ; provided it be understood that in taking this action the Convention does not intend to discourage the efforts of the friends in

Missouri and Kansas, but, on the contrary, to encourage any efforts on the part of the Societies to organize a new Association in those States: or, if an Association cannot conveniently be formed, to come into the Convention as individual Societies, whenever, after being properly organized, they shall apply for admission.

76. A motion to refer the whole subject back to the Executive Committee to procure further information and report, was *lost*.

77. The preamble and resolution were *adopted*.

78. The following preamble and resolution with regard to the status of the Minnesota Association were *adopted*:—

Whereas, It appears from the Report of the Minnesota Association, received since the action of the Executive Committee was taken, that renewed efforts are being made to continue the usefulness of that body; therefore,

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Executive Committee with regard to that Association be not concurred in.

79. A supplementary Report of the Executive Committee, recommending that the applications of the "Connecticut Association of the New Church" and of the "Allentown Society," for admission into the Convention be granted, was read.

80. It was moved, That the recommendation of the Executive Committee with regard to the Connecticut Association, be *adopted*.

81. The Rev. James Reed moved the following preamble and resolutions as a substitute:—

Whereas, The body known as the Connecticut Association contains no organized Society, employs the regular services of no minister, and consists entirely of scattered receivers of the heavenly doctrines, some of whom are already members of other bodies connected with the Convention; therefore,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention the reception of this body as one of the constituent bodies of the Convention is premature.

Resolved, That this Association be invited to report annu-

ally to the Convention, and to send Messengers to its meetings.

82. Mr. W. N. Hobart moved the following as a reference:

Whereas, In view of the differences of opinion in the Convention as to the present condition of the Connecticut Association as to the sufficiency of its organization; and,

Whereas, The President of the Association has signified his willingness to forego present action; therefore,

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred back to the Executive Committee.

83. The motion to refer was *lost*.

84. Mr. Reed's resolutions were *lost*.

85. The question recurred on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and the Rev. John Whitehead moved to amend by adding the following words:—

“Provided, That it be understood that the status of the Association in the Convention be that of a general Society, and not that of an Association composed of Societies.”

86. The amendment was *adopted*.

87. The recommendation as amended was *adopted*.

88. In accordance with Section 10 of the By-Laws, the President announced the name of Mr. Henry G. Thompson as the delegate of the Connecticut Association, and inviting him to come forward, gave him the right hand of fellowship, the Convention rising, and welcomed him to all the privileges enjoyed by delegates from similar Associations and Societies.

89. The certificate of the Allentown, Pa., Society, referred to in the Report of the Executive Committee as an application for membership in the Convention, and the recommendation of the Executive Committee, were referred back to that Committee.

90. It was *voted*, That the Executive Committee be requested to confer with the Secretary of the Allentown Society with regard to the communications.

91. The hour assigned for the consideration of the Report of the Board of Managers of the Theological School having arrived, the Rev. T. F. Wright addressed the Convention on “Theological Education,” and the Report of the Board was

read by the President of the School. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. A. F. Frost on "The need of Theological Training, and the possible usefulness of the Theological School of the General Convention," and by the Rev. Warren Goddard, Jr., on "The Work and Use of the Correspondence School,"

92. The President of the Convention announced that the set of the theological writings of Swedenborg, donated by the Convention three years ago to the late James A. Garfield, then President of the United States, had since been sent to Mrs. Garfield, who had received them with warm and grateful acknowledgment of the courtesy of the Convention.

93. The Roll of the Convention was called.

94. The Convention took a recess until 2.30 o'clock.

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95. The Convention re-assembled at 2.30 o'clock, the President in the chair.

96. The nominations by the Board of Managers of the Theological School, of Rev. S. S. Seward, Rev. S. F. Dike, D.D., Rev. Wm. B. Hayden, and Mr. Wm. N. Hobart, members of the Board for the term ending in 1887, were confirmed.

97. The President announced the following Committees:—
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.—Rev. Frank Sewall, Rev. L. H. Tafel, Rev. S. M. Warren, Rev. J. E. Werren.

Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts.
Rev. W. H. Benade, Rev. S. H. Worcester, Rev. S. M. Warren, Rev. J. C. Ager.

To Audit the Treasurer's Accounts.—David L. Webster, James R. Carter.

98. The Report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs recommending that the names of the Rev. Messrs. E. D. Daniels, of Toronto, Canada; Eugene J. E. Schreck, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Andrew Czerney, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Wm. H. Schliffer, of Peoria, Ill.; Philip B. Cabell, of Urbana, Ohio; and of Rev. S. C. Eby, if his ordination shall take place to-

morrow, be placed on the list of ministers of the General Convention, was *adopted*.

99. It was *voted*, That the subjects referred to the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs by Minutes 83 and 88, of the Journal of 1883, be continued in the hands of the Committee.

100. The Report of the Rev. Gustave Reiche was read.

101. The Report of the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts was read.

102. The following resolution, offered by Rev. T. F. Wright, was *adopted*:—

Resolved, This Convention expresses its pleasure in learning of the work accomplished by the Rev. Messrs. R. L. Tafel and S. H. Worcester in printing from the manuscripts of Swedenborg, and its conviction that the work should receive a hearty approval, both moral and financial.

103. The Rev. Frank Sewall offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were *adopted*:—

Whereas, We have learned that the Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, a Secretary of this Convention, proposes to visit Stockholm in Sweden during the coming summer; therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention desires to make the Rev. Mr. Hinkley the bearer of messages of brotherly greeting and love from the New Church in America to our brethren of the New Church in Sweden, and do hereby commission him with this duty.

Resolved, That we extend through our messenger, Mr. Hinkley, to the Rev. A. Boyesen, and all believers in the Heavenly Doctrines of the New Jerusalem in that land,—which, under the Divine Providence, gave to the world the bearer of the new Revelation,—our cordial encouragement and brotherly coöperation in all their efforts toward the promulgation of the faith among their and Swedenborg's fellow-countrymen, and especially in their efforts toward the erection in Stockholm of a house of worship, dedicated to the worship of the only Lord God the Saviour Jesus Christ in His Divine Humanity.

Resolved, That as a memorial offering on this the hundredth anniversary of the introduction of the writings of the New

Church to America,—in grateful recognition of the Divine mercy which has been shown in the wide dissemination in this land of the precious seed then brought from the other hemisphere,—we direct that the offerings of the congregation here assembled on to-morrow, Sunday evening, be devoted to the purpose of a centennial thank-offering and a gift toward the erection of a New-Church temple of worship in Stockholm, Sweden; and that the collection already ordered for Sunday evening be taken at the services this evening instead.

104. The following preamble and resolution offered by Mr. F. A. Dewson, were *adopted*:—

Whereas, The duty of promoting the establishment and extension of the Lord's Kingdom upon earth, is that for which the Convention exists, and

Whereas, The work of the Board of Missions is one of its most important means toward this end; therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention appreciating the importance of the work to be performed, and the inadequacy of the means hitherto provided for it, earnestly recommends that an effort be made to raise not less than \$5,000 annually for this purpose, and that the Board be authorized to adopt all possible means for its accomplishment.

105. On motion of Mr. Dewson it was *voted*, That the income thus far received from the Emily S. White Fund, amounting to \$400.59, be appropriated to the Board of Missions, provided that there is nothing in the conditions of the legacy to render the appropriation illegal.

106. The Rev. S. M. Warren offered the following, which were *adopted*:—

Whereas, The work of publishing the theological works of Swedenborg in the original Latin is of very great importance to the Church, and is not at present pecuniarily remunerative, and cannot be much further continued by the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, without continued support from the Church; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to solicit subscriptions for the works as the volumes successively appear.

107. R. D. Mussey moved, That the report of the Com-

mittee on Ecclesiastical Affairs to the effect that the investiture of the Rev. Jabez Fox with the office of General Pastor at the present time is premature, be not concurred in by the Convention, and that the Convention hereby sanctions the investiture, the consecration to take place at the usual hour on Sunday.

108. A division was called for, and the motion was *adopted* by a vote of twenty-nine in favor to twenty against it.

109. The recommendations of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs that the certificates of marriage and baptism prepared by the Committee by direction of the Convention (Min. 79, Jour. 1883) be published for the use of the Church; and that the blank certificate of membership, and blanks for letters of transfer and return letters, be printed in the Journal for the information of the Church, were *adopted*.

110. The nominations by the Trustees of the Building Fund, of Messrs. Julien Shoemaker and William McGeorge, Jr., Trustees for the term ending in 1887, were *confirmed*.

111. On motion of Mr. McGeorge the following resolution was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That the Convention desires to acknowledge the courtesy of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., and its officers, in making arrangements by which its ministers and delegates, and their families, have been enabled to journey to, and from the place of meeting at reduced rates, and we do most heartily thank the said Company for what they have done in this matter.

112. Rev. H. C. Dunham offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were *adopted*:—

Whereas, This Convention learns from the Rev. Adams Peabody that owing to infirmity he is unable to continue longer the performance of regular missionary work;

Resolved, That the Convention hereby places on record its high estimation of the faithful, laborious, and self-sacrificing missionary efforts of the Rev. Mr. Peabody.

113. The Address of the Australasian Conference of the New Church to the General Convention was read, and the

following resolutions, offered by the Rev. John Worcester, were *adopted*:—

Resolved, That the cordial sympathies of the General Convention are extended to the Australasian Conference in their efforts to promulgate the truths of the New Church, and to develop the life of the Church in the continent of Australia.

Resolved, That the request of the Conference for assistance in forming a library of New-Church books be recommended to the attention of the Publishing Boards connected with the Convention.

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be requested to convey to the officers of the Australasian Conference assurances of the fraternal good-will of the General Convention.

114. It was *voted*, That Section 13 of the By-Laws be suspended so as to permit an address to the Australasian Conference to be prepared under the direction of the President, and sent without being previously submitted to the Convention; and also to permit a reply to be sent to the communication received from the Rev. F. Goerwitz, of Zurich, Switzerland.

115. On motion of Mr. D. L. Webster, the following resolution was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Convention are hereby tendered to the First New-Jerusalem Society of Philadelphia for its kind and efficient hospitality as exercised at the present meeting, and that we warmly congratulate our brethren on the possession of this beautiful house of worship, and in the evidences of growth, prosperity, and usefulness which their condition affords.

116. The Address of the English Conference of the New Church to the General Convention was read, and the reply prepared by the Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the Convention, was read, and *adopted* as the Address of the Convention to the Conference.

117. The Convention took a recess until half past five o'clock, to listen to an "organ recital" announced in the programme.

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5.30 o'clock.

118. The Convention was called to order by the President, and a communication from certain persons in Osage County, Kansas, asking for aid to enable the Rev. W. M. Goodner to carry on missionary work in that neighborhood was read, and referred to the Board of Missions.

119. The Rev. James Reed offered the following, which was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention it is desirable to preserve in permanent form the addresses prepared for this session on "The Planting of the New Church" in this country, and that the Secretaries of the Convention, in consultation with the writers, take steps to accomplish this end, if practicable, through the agency of the Board of Publication.

120. A communication from Mr. E. H. Swinney on the importance of establishing a home for aged New-Churchmen, was referred to the Executive Committee.

121. On motion of the Rev. L. H. Tafel, the Rev. Messrs. F. W. Türk, W. H. Hinkley, and James Reed were appointed messengers from the General Convention to the General Conference in Great Britain.

122. It was *voted*, That the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution be continued.

123. The Minutes were read and *approved*.

124. After singing the 71st Selection, the Convention finally *adjourned*.

CHAUNCEY GILES, *President*.

W. H. HINKLEY, }
S. S. SEWARD, } *Secretaries*.

Memoranda.

The American New-Church Sabbath-School Association held its annual session on Wednesday, May 28, at 10 o'clock A.M.; and in the evening, at 8, the Rev. Chauncey Giles delivered the annual address, subject, "The Sunday-School as a means of preparing our children for the Church and heaven."

On Thursday evening a reception was given to the delegates and visitors to the Convention at the Academy of Fine Arts, corner of Broad and Cherry Streets, which was largely attended.

On Friday evening at 8 o'clock a conference on "The Planting of the New Church in America" was held in the church, and addresses were delivered by Rev. W. B. Hayden, of Maine; Hon. Albert Mason, of Mass.; Rev. C. H. Mann, of New York; Mr. Wm. McGeorge, Jr., of Penn.; Rev. Jabez Fox, of Washington, D.C.; and Rev. E. D. Daniels, of Canada; The Rev. John Goddard and the Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D.D., who had prepared addresses regarding the work in Ohio and Illinois, giving way on account of the lateness of the hour.

On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock a conference on "Devotional Culture" was held at the church, at which the Rev. Frank Sewall presided, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. L. P. Mercer on "The Importance of Devotional Culture"; by the Rev. John Goddard on "Prayer as a Means to it"; and by the Rev. James Reed on "The Relations of the Holy Supper to it."

On Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock the Rev. John Worcester conducted the usual religious services at the church, corner of Chestnut and 22d Streets, and preached on John iv. 36-38: "One Soweth and another Reapeth." At 3 P.M. Mr. S. C. Eby was ordained by the Rev. Joseph Pettee, and the Rev. Jabez Fox invested with the office of General Pastor of the Maryland Association, by the President of the Convention; after which the most holy sacrament of the Lord's

Supper was administered by the President, assisted by the Rev. Messrs W. H. Mayhew, H. E. Goddard, A. F. Frost, H. C. Dunham, L. H. Tafel, and S. S. Seward, to three hundred and eighty-five communicants. In the evening the Rev. Frank Sewall conducted the services and preached on "The Planting of the Mustard Seed."

In the temple of the Society of the Advent, corner of Cherry and Claymont Streets, the Rev. W. F. Pendleton, of Philadelphia, preached at 11 o'clock, on "The Hidden Manna," REV. ii. 17; and at 8 o'clock the Rev. E. D. Daniels, of Toronto, Canada, on "Spirit and Forms," JOHN xiv. 26.

The American Conference of New-Church Ministers met on Monday, June 2, at 10 A.M., and continued their sessions until the afternoon of the fourth.

Reports of Officers and Committees.

NO. I. — REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES.

THE Journal for 1883 was printed by the proprietors of the *New-Jerusalem Magazine* as their August number. Eight hundred copies were struck off for the use of the Convention; of which one hundred and ten copies were sent to the English Conference, a suitable number to the various other foreign bodies of the Church, two hundred copies reserved, and the balance distributed to the officers, ministers, and delegates to the Convention, and to the Associations and Societies.

One hundred and ten copies of the Minutes of the English Conference were received and mailed to the ministers and officers of the Convention. A similar disposition was made of one hundred copies of the Minutes of the Australasian Conference, received during the winter.

The usual assessments for the general expenses of the Convention have been made, as will be seen by the Report of the Treasurer.

In the matter of the status of the ministers ordained by the Convention not connected with an Association [*see* Journal 1882, Min. 139], the Secretaries report that they have addressed communications to those ministers who did not report themselves under the rule of the last meeting of the Convention, and have received replies from nearly all who were addressed, which will be submitted to the Convention.

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, }
S. S. SEWARD, } *Secretaries.*

No. 2.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, TREASURER, *in account with* THE GENERAL CONVENTION
OF THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

General Fund.

			DR.	CR.
1883.				
June	7.	To Printing Treasurer's Report.....	\$9.50	
	7.	Expenses S. S. Seward, Secretary.....	12.05	
Sept.	15.	Printing and Mailing Journal.....	350.40	
Nov.	1.	Mailing Minutes of English Conference.....	10.60	
Dec.	4.	Printing Journal of Minister's Conference....	34.00	
1884.				
Jan.	23.	Expenses of Secretary.....	3.35	
		Balance on hand	550.32	
1883.				
May	1.	By Balance of last Account		\$12.22
	4.	E. B. Warren for 1882.....		10.00
	4.	R. A. Lewis " "		10.00
	4.	J. Shoemaker " "		10.00
	4.	Wm. McGeorge, Jr. " "		10.00
	14.	Missouri Association " "		5.00
June	1.	Maryland " " "		36.15
	2.	Subscription from " Unknown "		10.00
	2.	Collection on Sunday in Boston		217.15
Aug.	30.	Savannah Society.....		3.75
Sept.	3.	Denver "		3.75
	10.	San Francisco "		7.65
Oct.	12.	Michigan Association.....		18.60
	31.	Pennsylvania " 1882.....		49.50
		" " 1883.....		53.85
Nov.	6.	San Francisco First Society.....		16.65
1884.				
Jan.	28.	New-York Association.....		99.60
Feb.	25.	Maryland "		38.40
April	2.	E. B. Warren.....		10.00
	2.	R. A. Lewis.....		10.00
	2.	J. Shoemaker.....		10.00
	2.	Wm. McGeorge, Jr.....		10.00
	8.	Massachusetts Association		224.55
	26.	Ohio "		83.40
	26.	Edenfield, Pa., Society.....		5.00
	26.	Milwaukee, Wis., "		5.00
			<u>\$970.22</u>	<u>\$970.22</u>

Wilkins Fund.

1884.					
April 8.	To	Amount paid	Theological School.....	\$120.00	
1883.					
Aug. 30.	By	Interest on	United-States Bonds		\$30.00
Oct. 2.	"	"	" " " "		30.00
1884.					
Jan. 1.	"	"	" " " "		30.00
April 1.	"	"	" " " "		30.00
				<u>\$120.00</u>	<u>\$120.00</u>

Wales Fund.

1883.					
Oct. 6.	To	Amount invested in	Mortgage	\$2,000.00	
1884.					
April 8.	"	paid	Theological School.....	315.00	
1883.					
Aug. 30.	By	Interest on	Mortgage (7 per cent. on \$5,000)		\$175.00
Sept. 5.	Principal of	"	paid in	2,000.00	
1884.					
Feb. 25.	Interest on	"	(6 per cent. on \$3,000)	90.00	
April 8.	"	"	(5 per cent. on \$2,000)	50.00	
				<u>\$2,315.00</u>	<u>\$2,315.00</u>

Emily S. White Fund.

1883.					
May 1.	By	Balance		\$92.31	
Oct. 27.	Income of	Property at	Wyoming, Ohio.....	200.00	
				<u>\$292.31</u>	

Richards Fund.

1884.					DR.	CR.
April 30.	To	Amount paid	Board of Publication	\$40.00		
1883.						
Aug. 20.	By	Interest on	United-States Bond.....			\$10.00
Oct. 2.	"	"	" " " "			10.00
1884.						
Jan. 1.	"	"	" " " "			10.00
April 1.	"	"	" " " "			10.00
				<u>\$40.00</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>	

Jenkins Fund.

1883.			
Oct. 6.	To	Amount invested in Mortgage.....	\$2,000.00
1884.			
April 8.		Amount paid Theological School	53.22
1883.			
May 1.	By	Balance uninvested	\$2,000.00
Aug. 30.		Interest on deposit.....	3.22
1884.			
April 8.		Interest on Mortgage.	50.00
			\$2,053.22 \$2,053.22

Cash Balances.

1884.			
May 1.	Balance of	General Fund	\$550.32
1.	"	Emily S. White Fund.....	292.31
1.	Deposit in	Merchants National Bank, Boston...	\$842.63
			\$842.63 \$842.63

Property of the Convention in the Hands of the Treasurer.

Wales Fund.	Mortgage of C. Zimmerman, Indianapolis, Ind.	\$3,000.00
" "	" F. G. Barnes, Newton, Mass. ...	\$2,000.00
Jenkins Fund.	" " " " " ...	2,000.00 4,000.00
Wilkins Fund.	U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (par value)	3,000.00
Richards Fund.	" " " " "	1,000.00
Cash		842.63
		\$11,842.63

Examined and found correct.

D. L. WEBSTER,
JAS. RICHARD CARTER, } *Auditors.*

GENERAL FUND.—The disbursements for the last seven years having averaged but about \$500 per annum, and there remaining on hand the sum of \$550.32, the Treasurer recommends that the contribution asked for from the various Associations be reduced to ten cents per capita, which assessment would produce about the amount required, leaving the present balance for emergencies.

The following amounts due on the call of 1883 have not yet been paid : —

Canada Association.....	\$54.15
Illinois "	90.00
Maine "	49.65
Minnesota "	7.95
Missouri "	15.00
\$216.75	

MRS. EMILY S. WHITE FUND.—The Treasurer has not been notified of any change in the status of the Real Estate in Wyoming, Ohio, which is held for this fund. Income amounting to \$200 was received from rents during the year ending April 30, 1884, and \$108.28 being for rents collected to April 1, 1884, has been received since the closing of the Treasurer's account. The whole amount of income, viz.: \$292.31, to the credit of the Convention, in the present account, and \$108.28 received since; total, \$400.59, is not as yet subject to any appropriation by vote of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, May 10, 1884.

NO. 3. — REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SINCE the last meeting of the Convention the Executive Committee has held but two sessions: one in Boston, June 5, 1883, and one in Philadelphia, May 28, 1884.

The Committee was organized by the election of the Rev. Chauncey Giles, Chairman, and Rev. W. H. Hinkley, Secretary.

No meeting of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution having been held since the last meeting of the Convention, no action has been called for with regard to the expenses of the members of the Committee in attendance upon its meetings (Min. 75, June, 1883).

In the matter of status of Associations not regularly represented at the meetings of the Convention (Min. 119, June, 1883), the Secretary was directed to correspond with representative men residing in such Associations, and report. At the meeting in Philadelphia the Secretary submitted letters from the Rev. Messrs. Howard C. Dunham and Gustave Reiche, of the Missouri Association, and from Rev. E. C. Mitchell, of the Minnesota Association, and also the Report of the Rev. Adams Peabody, President of the Missouri Association. It appearing from these communications that neither Association has held any meeting for several years, nor is likely to do so for a long time to come, and it being the opinion of the writers that both the Associations might as well be dropped from the List of Bodies composing the Convention, it was voted to make a statement of these facts to the Convention, and recommend that the names of the Missouri and Minnesota Associations be dropped.

The Committee further reports that it appearing, in the month of March last, that a mistake had been made at the last session of

the Convention in setting the time for this meeting on the fourth Thursday in May, the 22d, instead of the fifth, the 29th (the latter date having been intended by the mover of the resolution, Min. 114, June, 1883), the question of changing the date from the 22d to the 29th was submitted to the members of the Committee by letter, and the change adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

THE Executive Committee present the following Report:—

The Committee has received an application from the Connecticut Association of the New Church for admission into the Convention. After very careful consideration of the condition and wants of the New Church in the State of Connecticut and of the application, it was voted that it be recommended to the Convention that the application be granted.

The Committee has also received an application from the Allentown Society of the New Church for admission into the Convention.

After due consideration of this application, it was voted to recommend to the Convention that the application be granted.

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, *Secretary*.

NO. 4.—REPORT OF THE NEW-CHURCH BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

THE present membership and organization of the Board of Directors is as follows:—

TERM EXPIRES 1884.

Rev. JABEZ FOX, of Washington.

H. W. GUERNSEY, of N. Y.

Rev. W. B. HAYDEN, of Maine.

JAMES M. HILL, of Illinois.

Rev. J. R. HIBBARD, of Pa.

TERM EXPIRES 1885.

R. A. LEWIS, of Pa.

Rev. W. GODDARD, JR., of R.I.

F. J. WORCESTER, of N. Y.

Rev. J. REED, of Mass.

R. M. PULSIFER, of Mass.

TERM EXPIRES 1886.

Rev. S. S. SEWARD, of N. Y.

D. L. WEBSTER, of Mass.

Rev. FRANK SEWALL, of Ohio.

MORDAUNT BODINE, of N. Y.

Rev. L. H. TAFEL, of Pa.

TERM EXPIRES 1887.

Rev. A. F. FROST, of Mich.

Rev. CHAUNCEY GILES, of Pa.

H. C. SPENCER, of Washington.

C. H. ALLEN, of Ohio.

G. WOOLWORTH COLTON, of N. Y.

OFFICERS.

President.—R. M. PULSIFER, of Boston, Mass.

Secretary.—HENRY W. GUERNSEY, of New-York City.

Treasurer.—MORDAUNT BODINE, of New-York City.

Executive Committee.—MESSRS. PULSIFER, GUERNSEY, BODINE, Rev. S. S. SEWARD, MESSRS. COLTON, WORCESTER, and LEWIS.

Auditing Committee.—MESSRS. WORCESTER and COLTON.

The statement of the business, finances, etc., of the Board for the past year is presented below.

Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund.

Collected prior to April 19, 1883.....	\$37,446.14
“ April 19, 1883, to April 1, 1884.....	894.00
Total Receipts.....	<u>\$38,340.14</u>

Fifteen Hundred Dollar “Guarantee Fund.”

Collected prior to April 1, 1884.....	\$1,500.00
Paid from Dec. 2, 1882, to April 1, 1884, to Rev. C. H. Mann, for special expenses for improvement of the <i>Messenger</i> , as per the object of this Fund (see Twelfth Annual Report, Board of Publications, page 5).....	<u>1,213.54</u>
Balance in Broadway National Bank.....	<u>\$286.46</u>

Three Thousand Dollar “Sustaining Fund.”

Collected prior to April 1, 1884.....	\$77.00
Balance in Broadway National Bank.....	<u>\$77.00</u>

Funds in Treasurer's hands April 19, 1883.....	\$2,847.50
Received from April 19, 1883, to April 1, 1884, on Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund.....	894.00
Income from invested funds for same time.....	<u>54.98</u>
	\$3,796.48
Transferred to Manager, April 19, 1883, to April 1, 1884... ..	\$1,233.25
Paid Marston Niles, Treasurer, the “Latin Fund,” as per vote of Convention (Minutes 110, 111, Journal of the Sixty-third Annual Session).....	<u>703.04</u>
	\$1,936.29
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$1,860.19</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,860.19
Balance of Fifteen Hundred Dollar "Guarantee Fund," as above	286.46
Balance of Three Thousand Dollar "Sustaining Fund," as above	77.00
Funds in Treasurer's hands April 1, 1884	<u>\$2,223.65</u>

Merchandise Statement.

DR.	
To Merchandise inventoried April 19, 1883	\$3,592.36
Increase in valuation of Merchandise on hand April 19, 1883, as per vote of Board (<i>see</i> page 6 of this Report).....	1,048.54
	<u>\$4,640.90</u>
Merchandise purchased from April 19, 1883, to April 1, 1884.....	4,689.14
Expenses for same time.....	2,615.98
	<u>\$11,946.02</u>
CR.	
By Merchandise sales, April 19, 1883, to April 1, 1884.....	\$6,078.07
" on hand as per inventory.....	4,679.30
Net Loss	1,188.65
	<u>\$11,946.02</u>

"Messenger" Statement.

DR.	
To Cost of Paper	\$1,213.08
Printing and Publication Expenses	3,465.84
Editorial Expenses	1,776.88
Lesson Paper.....	6.05
	<u>\$6,461.85</u>
CR.	
By Receipts from Subscriptions	\$5,931.13
" " Advertisements.....	411.40
Net Loss for the year	119.32
	<u>\$6,461.85</u>
Subscription List, April 1, 1884	2,740
Free List	269
Exchanges.....	80
Trial Subscriptions (3 months)	78
Surplus, about	100
Copies printed weekly.....	<u>3,267</u>

Assets and Liabilities, April 1, 1884.

Plates, Types, Fixtures, etc.	\$188.25	
Merchandise.....	4,679.30	
Debts considered good	1,106.05	
Cash in Manager's hands	253.66	
Assets in charge of Manager		\$6,227.26
Farmers' Loan and Trust Co.	\$1,500.00	
Broadway National Bank, General Funds.....	360.19	
“ “ “ “Guarantee Fund”	286.46	
“ “ “ “Sustaining Fund”	77.00	
Assets in charge of Treasurer.....		\$2,223.65
		\$8,450.91
Deduct Liabilities.....		593.34
Balance of Assets		\$7,857.57

Summary of Income and Expenditures.

INCOME.		
Received on old bad-debt account.....	\$36.25	
Donations to Treasurer	894.00	
Interest on deposit in Farmers' Loan and Trust Co....	54.98	
“Guarantee Fund” balance.....	286.46	
“Sustaining Fund”	77.00	
Increase in valuation of Merchandise on hand April 19, 1883, as per vote of Board (<i>see</i> page 6 of this Report)...	1,048.54	
		\$2,397.23
EXPENDITURES.		
General Expenses, Printing Reports, Insurance, etc.	\$172.96	
Loss on Merchandise	1,188.05	
“ <i>Messenger</i>	119.32	
Paid Marston Niles, Treasurer, the “Latin Fund,” as per vote of Convention (Minutes 110, 111, Journal of the 63d Annual Session)	703.04	
		\$2,183.97
Net gain for the year.....		\$213.26
Net Assets, April 1, 1884.....	\$7,857.57	
“ “ “ 19, 1883	7,644.31	
Difference, which agrees with above Summary.....		\$213.26

Examined and found correct.

F. J. WORCESTER,
G. WOOLWORTH COLTON, } *Auditors.*

The assets of the old Board of Publications were transferred to the present organization April 19, 1883; but in closing the books, instead of twelve months from that date, the time chosen has been the first of the month, in order to secure longer time for the taking of stock, preparation and consideration of Reports, the printing of same, etc. Hereafter, as was the custom of late years with the old Board, the fiscal year will be twelve months from each first day of April.

As heretofore, none of the expenses of the book-room, such as salaries, rent, insurance, etc., have been charged to the *Messenger*; so that the *Messenger* Statement this year shows only a small loss of \$119.32, against \$362.25 as per last year's Report of the old Board. This reduction is, in part, caused by increased receipts from advertisements secured for the paper, and it is hoped another year will show still further gains in this department. Advertisements can easily be procured that would make the paper self-supporting; but the majority of all that are offered the Board are of schemes which, if not directly antagonistic to true principles of living, are such as do not properly belong to the sphere of the *Messenger*, and consequently the Committee having charge of that department have felt it their duty to decline them.

The Merchandise Statement again shows a loss, and larger than that of last year—\$1,188.65 for 1884, against \$731.15 for 1883. This is due to facts mentioned in Reports of the old Board, namely: that local bodies and Societies have taken up the publishing of cheap editions of the writings of Swedenborg and collateral works, which they sell at cost of manufacture or less, thus performing a very useful work from funds provided for such a purpose; while the Board of Publication, not having money which they feel at liberty to spend in that way, try to sell their publications at a price that will insure a profit sufficient to defray the expenses of the business. Again the business of the Board seems to be running more and more into the handling of tracts, in which there is little or no profit, and the publication of works demanded by the Church, which cannot be sold in large quantities or at remunerative prices. It is hoped, however, that the use which is thus performed by the Board will be thought to more than compensate for the small annual loss on each year's business.

It will be noticed that, in accordance with the resolution of the Convention at its last annual session, the principal of the "Latin

Fund," \$703.04, has been paid to Marston Niles, Treasurer of the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, and that an unexpected bequest of \$800 has been received from the estate of the late Moses Day, of Boston.

The "Sustaining Fund" mentioned in the Treasurer's statement was authorized by the following vote of the General Convention, passed at its last annual session as follows:—

"*Resolved*, That the Convention most cordially endorses the work of the Board of Publication, and recommends that a Sustaining Fund, of not less than \$3,000 annually, be raised to aid the Board in carrying on its work."

A large part of this amount has been subscribed, but no call has been made for any part of it, though some subscribers, to the amount of \$77, paid at the time of making their subscriptions. This sum is still intact.

Mention is made in the Report of the New-Church Board of Publication, submitted to the General Convention at its last meeting, of the increased value, amounting to about \$1,000, placed upon the stock of books, tracts, etc., received from the old Board; but it may be desirable to give a further explanation of this action.

At the first meeting of the Directors of this Board it was *voted*, "That Messrs. Colton and Guernsey be a committee to determine a valuation of the stock to be turned over to the new Board, and the value at which the stock is to be taken by the new Board." The Committee thus appointed had several meetings, at which they carefully examined the inventory of books on hand, investigated the questions of first cost, the price at which they could be replaced, their salable quality, etc., and, after much deliberation, they concluded that the plan on which the stock had been taken for several previous years — namely, one-half of retail price, less 50 per cent. — did not represent a fair commercial basis of valuation for the property, and that a sufficiently conservative estimate, and a fairer value would be more nearly secured if they took the actual cost of the books, tracts, etc., as per invoices for same, and deducted therefrom a discount of 50 per cent. This Committee therefore reported in accordance with the above, and the following votes were passed by the Board:—

"Vote 33.—That the Report of the special Committee to place a valuation on the assets of the old Board, said Committee consisting of Messrs. Colton and Guernsey, be received and placed on file.

"Vote 34.—That the New-Church Board of Publication receive the stock of merchandise turned over by the old Board at the following prices: The English tracts at one-half cent each, and the balance of the stock at the gross sum as given on the Inventory Book of the old Board, less 50 per cent."

The stock was therefore re-inventoried in concurrence with the above votes, and the result was an increase as given above, namely, \$1,048.54.

It was further *voted*, "That in the future the merchandise inventory be taken as follows: The English tracts at one-half cent each, and the balance of the stock at cost price, less fifty per cent." The stock this year has been inventoried on that basis, and will continue to be so valued until the Board orders otherwise.

In accordance with recommendations made to the Board at its meeting in Boston, a circular was prepared and sent out to each pastor, minister, and licentiate, in the United States and Canada, asking for their assistance in advancing the usefulness of the *Messenger*. About twenty answers were received, and several active agents were secured thereby. The following letter from the Rev. C. H. Mann speaks of some of the results of his year's work as editor of the *Messenger*:—

NEW YORK, April 16, 1884.

To the Board of Publication:—

GENTLEMEN: The internal and external improvements of the *Messenger*, which were inaugurated about fifteen months since, have been maintained, and I have reason to feel that the usefulness of our enterprise has been thereby greatly increased.

As appears in your Report, the subscription list of the *Messenger* is larger than it was a year ago. A subject for especial gratitude is the coöperation of some of our friends, by means of which our circulation has been largely extended temporarily, and to some extent permanently. Our friends in Cincinnati, Brooklyn, and Boston Highlands should be particularly mentioned as having made systematic efforts to increase the number of our subscribers.

Every improvement of the *Messenger* reveals more clearly the extent of the field which should be occupied. "I feel that as yet we are not doing a tithe of what might be accomplished by means of this publication. As to special plans for extending our work, I will refer you to the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to present such plans, with whom I have been invited to coöperate. It is my profound desire and hope that arrangements may be made at the coming session of the Convention for another advance in the improvement of the quality of the *Messenger*, and in the extension of its field of usefulness.

I remain very sincerely yours,

CHARLES H. MANN.

The Roll of Membership book has been circulated among the persons who were recommended by the Convention to become members of this Board, and nearly all their signatures have been obtained.

The sum recommended by the Convention to aid in the publication of the "Letters to a Man of the World" in the Hungarian language has been set aside and will be paid when needed.

The only new issue by the Board during the year has been No. 1 of the "Manuals of Religious Instruction," of which one thousand copies have been printed. Other volumes of this series, which have been prepared under the auspices of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association, are now passing through the press, of which two volumes, I. and II. of the "Doctrinal Series," are at date of this writing just ready for circulation, and another, prepared by Rev. Mr. Hayden, will be ready, it is hoped, about the time of meeting of the Convention. This last-named work is expected to fill an important place in religious literature not as yet occupied by any similar volume, and to answer questions constantly asked by Bible students of every denomination. Of our old publications we have revised the music of the Hosanna, under the supervision of Prof. Webb, and printed an edition of five hundred copies.

The Iüngerich trustees report that, during the year April 1, 1883, to April 1, 1884, they have printed one thousand copies of the "True Christian Religion," and one thousand of the "Apocalypse Revealed," from the plates of the Rotch Trustees, for gratuitous distribution among the Protestant clergy of the United States.

We herewith submit the certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Board, for the information of the Church :—

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

The undersigned, Albert Mason, Charles C. Bonney, Samuel S. Seward, Grosvenor P. Lowrey, William W. Niles, Samuel S. Carpenter, Francis J. Worcester, do hereby certify :

1. That they are persons of full age and citizens of the United States, and that a majority of them are citizens of and residents within the State of New York.

2. That they desire to associate themselves and form a Society for benevolent, charitable, literary, and missionary purposes, and for the furtherance of religious opinion, pursuant to the requirements of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act for the Incorporation of Benevolent, Charitable, Scientific, and Missionary Societies, passed April 12, 1848, and the several Acts amendatory thereof."

3. That the name or title by which such Society shall be known in law is THE NEW-CHURCH BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

4. That the business of such Society is to be conducted, and the principal place of business is to be, in the city and county of New York.

5. That the particular business and objects of such Society are to be the furtherance of religious opinion by the publication, sale, and distribution of books and periodicals, more especially the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, and such other works as may be deemed useful in diffusing a knowledge of said writings, and establishing and maintaining a printing-office and bookstore for the publication, sale, and distribution of such books and periodicals.

6. That such Society also intends to undertake certain benevolent, charitable, literary, and missionary work in connection with the publication and distribution of such books and periodicals, and will do and transact such other and incidental business as may be necessary or expedient to enable it to conduct and maintain such printing-office and bookstore to advantage in carrying out the objects of the Society. This Corporation is formed at the instance of the religious body known as the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, and so far as the laws of the State of New York may now or hereafter permit, without prejudice to its corporate rights or franchises, this Corporation shall act as the publication agent and trustee of said Convention.

7. That the number of Directors to manage the affairs of the Society is twenty.

8. That the names of the Directors of such Society for the first year of its existence are as follows, namely : Samuel S. Seward, William B. Hayden, James Reed, Jabez Föx, Chauncey Giles, John R. Hibbard, Louis H. Tafel, Albinus F. Frost, Frank Sewall, Warren Goddard, Jr., Royal M. Pulsifer, David L. Webster, Mordaunt Bodine, Henry W. Guernsey, G. Woolworth Colton, Francis J. Worcester, Charles H. Allen, James M. Hill, Richard A. Lewis, Henry C. Spencer.

Witness our several signatures as of the tenth day of January, 1883 :

ALBERT MASON,
CHARLES C. BONNEY,
SAMUEL S. SEWARD,
GROSVENOR P. LOWREY,
W. W. NILES,
SAMUEL S. CARPENTER,
FRANCIS J. WORCESTER.

(Acknowledgements omitted.)

(Endorsed) I approve of the form and sufficiency of the within certificate, and consent that the same be filed in the proper offices.

ABRAHAM R. LAURENCE, *J. S. C.*

Filed in New York County Clerk's office, April 9, 1883.

Filed in Secretary of State's office, Albany, April 10, 1883.

BY-LAWS.

MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 1. Any adult male may become a member of this Society by a unanimous vote of the members present at any annual meeting of the Society, or any adjournment thereof, upon signing the roll of membership; or on presenting a certificate signed by one of the Secretaries of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America that he has been chosen as a suitable person to become a member by vote of the General Convention, or of its Executive Committee, and signing the roll of membership.

OFFICERS.

ART. 2. The officers of this Society shall consist of a Board of Directors, numbering twenty, who shall at their first meeting divide themselves into four classes of five each, and the term of office of the several classes shall successively expire in one, two, three, and four years, and at every annual meeting after the first, the Society shall elect five of its members as Directors to serve for four years and until their successors are chosen.

The Directors shall have power to fill vacancies in any class, and the terms of Directors so chosen shall expire with the term of the class in which the vacancies so filled occur.

The Directors shall elect annually by ballot from among their number a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Society; and the Directors may at any time fill vacancies in these offices, and also appoint other officers of the Society and fix their compensation.

OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

ART. 3. It shall be the aim of the Society to carry out the views and wishes of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, as far as it is possible to do so, both in the care and disbursement of funds entrusted to the Society by the said Convention, and by having the character of its publishing work such as shall meet the approval of the said Convention, as said approval may be manifested by the said Convention by means of a committee for the purpose, or otherwise.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS.

ART. 4. By-Laws numbers 1 to 4, both inclusive, can only be amended by the unanimous vote of all the members present at a special or annual meeting, and the alteration shall not take effect until the consent in writing of three-fourths of the Directors of the Corporation shall have been obtained. All other By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ART. 5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, and in his absence a Chairman shall be elected by those present. The Secretary shall keep the roll of membership and records of the Society and of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall have general charge and supervision of its property and business, subject at all times to the direction of the Society.

The Treasurer shall have, under the direction of the Board of Directors, the custody and care of all the funds of the Society.

QUORUM.

ART. 6. Six members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Corporation except at the annual meeting, when the members present shall constitute a quorum.

Four members shall be a quorum at meetings of the Board of Directors.

MEETINGS.

ART. 7. The annual meeting shall be held in the city of New York on the last Wednesday in May, unless otherwise determined by the Directors or by a vote of the Corporation. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to mail to each Director a notice of the annual meeting ten days in advance. Such notice to be published in the *New-Jerusalem Messenger* at least two weeks before said meeting.

Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, or by any five members upon like notice.

ANNUAL REPORT.

ART. 8. The Corporation shall annually make a Report of its work to the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.

R. M. PULSIFER, *President*.

NO. 5.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CORPORATION OF THE NEW-CHURCH THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

GEORGE ROPES, TREASURER, *in account with* THE CORPORATION OF THE
NEW-CHURCH THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

Endowment Fund.

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Total Subscriptions paid in as per account rendered May 24, 1883.....		\$21,720.00
1883.		
Nov. 22.	Cash rec'd from Trustees of Estate of Moses Day.....	1,200.00
1884.		
April 11.	Cash received of W. J. Cutler.....	200.00
" 14.	" " D. L. Webster	1,000.00
		<u>\$24,120.00</u>

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By Investments, viz.:

Notes secured by Mortgage on High-Street Church and Parsonage, Brookline, Mass., due March 31, 1887	\$8,500.00
Note secured by Mortgage on House and Land, O. D. Homer, West Newton, Mass., due April 14, 1887.....	6,000.00
Note secured by Mortgage on House and Land, George S. Woodman, Newtonville, Mass., due June 1, 1888	5,500.00
Amount deposited Mass. Loan and Trust Co.....	2,000.00
“ “ New-England Trust Co.	2,120.00
	\$24,120.00

Current Expenses.

DR.

1883.

May 24.	Cash balance as per account rendered.....	\$623.18
June 1.	“ Salem, Mass., Society.....	10.00
6.	“ William McGeorge, Jr.....	100.00
7.	“ Boston-Highlands Society.....	76.96
8.	“ Miss E. A. Field, Northfield, Mass.....	10.00
13.	“ F. O. Whitney, Boston.....	10.00
29.	“ Interest, Mass. Loan and Trust Co.....	96.15
Oct. 3.	“ “ Brookline Mortgage.....	225.00
8.	“ Rev. Joseph Pettee.....	10.00
16.	“ O. D. Homer, Interest on Mortgage.....	150.00
25.	“ First New-Church Society, Cincinnati....	37.56
Nov. 9.	“ Int. N. E. Trust Co., to June 25, 1883....	7.29
23.	“ Jas. R. Carter, Subsc. to Correspondence School.....	100.00
Dec. 3.	“ George S. Woodman, Int. on Mortgage..	114.58
4.	“ Cincinnati Society, Collection of Dec. 2.	25.88

1884.

Jan. 7.	“ Lewis Ryder, Jefferson, Wis.....	100.00
	“ George Copeland, “ “	100.00
15.	“ N. E. Institute of Education, Jenkins Fund	120.00
	“ N. E. Institute of Education, Loring Fund	37.60
16.	“ Interest, N. E. Trust Co.....	7.97
28.	“ Nathaniel Simpkins, Yarmouthport, Mass.	25.00
Feb. 5.	“ Calvin Clark, Lancaster, “	100.00
Mar. 3.	“ Mrs. John G. Davis, \$20; Miss Emilie C. Davis, \$10	30.00
	“ Rev. James Reed.....	75.00
April 5.	“ Cincinnati Society.....	16.83
7.	“ Interest on Brookline Mortgage.....	214.86

Amount carried forward..... \$2,423.86

		<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,423.86
April	8.	Cash F. A. Dewson, { Wales Fund	315.00
		Treas. of Gen'l { Wilkins "	120.00
		Convention, { Jenkins "	53.22
	8.	" George Ropes	200.00
	8.	" F. A. Dewson, from Trustees of will of Lydia Worcester.....	450.00
	10.	" R. M. Pulsifer, Int. on Subs. to Endow- ment Fund	150.00
	11.	" W. J. Cutler, Int. on Subs. to Endowment Fund	30.00
	14.	" Collection, Boston Society, April 13.....	160.01
	15.	" D. L. Webster, Int. on Subs. to Endow- ment Fund	150.00
	15.	" O. D. Homer, Interest on Mortgage	150.00
	16.	" Detroit Society, Easter Offering	10.73
	30.	" First New-Church Society of Philadelphia	186.79
	26.	" Bridgewater, Mass., Society.....	5.00
May	1.	" Mass. Loan and Trust Co., Int. on Note..	100.92
		" Collection, Newton, Mass., Society.....	100.00
		" Membership fees, Correspon. School, 1884	84.06
			\$4,689.59

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1883.		
By	paid Mass. N. C. Union, Rent of Rooms.....	\$145.85
	Taxes on Land at Chicago.....	104.78
	Expenses, examining Land, 1882.....	4.62
	paid for Furniture for Rooms.....	176.30
	" " Stationery and Books.....	104.39
	Gas and Fuel.....	36.22
	Fire Insurance.....	16.50
	Support of Students.....	449.00
	Salaries of Instructors.....	2,750.00
	Printing for Correspondence School and advertising do..	220.56
	Balance deposited with N. E. Trust Co.....	681.37
		\$4,689.59

E. & O. E. May 1, 1884.

GEORGE ROPES, *Treasurer.*

Examined and approved.

WM. J. CUTLER, } *Finance Committee.*
 F. A. DEWSON, }

A true copy.

EDWARD A. WHISTON,
Clerk of the Corporation.

NO. 6.—REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
NEW-CHURCH THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

THE Board of Directors respectfully submit their Annual Report.

The Treasurer's Report states in detail the receipts and expenditures for the year. The permanent Endowment Fund actually received, now amounts to \$24,120; showing an increase of \$2,400, of which \$1,200 from the trustees under the will of Moses Day is outside of subscriptions heretofore reported. \$20,000 of the Endowment Fund is invested in mortgages, and \$4,120 is on deposit in Trust Companies awaiting opportunity for more permanent investment.

Further subscriptions to this fund, not yet collected, amount to \$5,400, on which interest is annually paid.

No sale of the land held at Chicago has been effected, nor is it expected that an advantageous sale can be made immediately.

More convenient quarters for the School have been provided in the fourth story of the building belonging to the Massachusetts New-Church Union, at an annual rent of \$350.

For the Directors,

ALBERT MASON, *President.*

E. A. WHISTON, *Clerk.*

NO. 7.—REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BUILDING FUND.

THE Trustees would respectfully report that the amount of money now at their disposal for the purposes of their trust is \$838.23, and they would be glad to receive applications for the loan of the same or any part thereof to aid in the erection of a place of worship for a New-Church Society.

A full statement by the Treasurer is appended.

The terms of office of Messrs. Julien Shoemaker and William McGeorge, Jr., expire this year, and it will be necessary to elect two Trustees to serve for three years in their place.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. MCGEORGE, JR.,

Chairman of the Trustees of the Building Fund.

THE NEW-CHURCH BUILDING FUND *in account with* GEORGE ROPES, TREASURER.

		By Balance as per account rendered Convention	
		1883.....	\$801.34
1884.			
May	6.	By Interest from New-England Trust Co. on deposit	21.89
May	7.	By Interest from Crossville Society, Tennessee, on Mortgage of \$250	15.00
Balance to Credit			<u>\$838.23</u>

Investments.

Mortgage on Church Building at Crossville, Tennessee, Sept. 5, 1881.....		\$250.00	
Above Balance deposited Massachusetts Loan and Trust Co. this date		838.23	
			<u>\$1,088.23</u>

E. & O. E.

BOSTON, May 10, 1884.

GEORGE ROPES, *Treasurer.*

NO. 8.—REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF THE RICE LEGACY.

D. L. WEBSTER, TRUSTEE, *in account with* THE RICE LEGACY.*Receipts.*

1883.			
June	1.	Cash on hand as per Report	\$565.51
Oct.	1.	" Interest, Cowley, Sumner, and Fort Smith R.R. Co. Bond, Coupon, 6 mo. to Oct. 1.	35.00
"	1.	" Interest, Marion and McPherson R.R. Co. Bond, Coupon, 6 mo. to Oct. 1.....	35.00
1884.			
April	1.	" Interest, Cowley, Sumner, and Fort Smith R. R. Co. Bond, Coupon, 6 mo. to April 1	35.00
"	1.	" Interest, Marion and McPherson R. R. Co. Bond, Coupon, 6 mo. to April 1	35.00
May	7.	" Dividend First National Bank of Boston due Oct. 1, 1883, and April 1, 1884....	240.00
			<u>\$945.51</u>

Disbursements.

1884.					
Jan.	26.	Cash to N.C.B'd of Pub. books to F.E. Waelchly.	\$12.86		
"	26.	" " " " C. D. Odhner.,	12.86		
"	26.	" " " " Dr. Galloway,			
		Fargo Library	13.86		
"	26.	" to N.C.B'd of Pub. books to H. Synnestodt.	12.86		
Mar.	10.	" " " " Rev. A. Czerny.	11.96		
"	26.	" Paid N. J. Magazine to F. E. Putnam,			
		Minneapolis.....	2.00		
"	26.	" Paid N. J. Magazine to Mrs. G. F. Frost,			
		Waltham.....	2.00		
"	26.	" to Mass. N. C. Union, books for Australian			
		Library	7.35		
May	14.	" to Mass. N. C. Union, books to Rev. A.			
		Czerny	7.20		
June	1.	" Balance on hand to new account	862.56		
					<u>\$945.51</u>

Property of the Rice Legacy, June 1, 1884.

24 Shares Stock of First National Bank of Boston, at \$200			
per share	\$4,800.00		
One Bond of Cowley, Sumner, and Fort Smith R. R. Co.			
gauranteed by Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fè R. R. Co.,			
at 113 1-2 and interest	1,144.13		
One Bond of Marion and McPherson R. R. Co. guaranteed			
by Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fè R. R. Co., at 113 1-2			
and interest	1,144.13		
Cash balance as above	862.56		
			\$7,950.82
This Amount consists of Principal	\$6,800.00		
Unexpended Income	1,150.82		
			<u>\$7,950.82</u>

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. WEBSTER, *Trustee.*

Examined and found correct,

F. A. DEWSON, *Auditor.*

No. 9.—REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROTCH LEGACY.

1883.

June 1. Balance of Cash on hand as per last Report ... \$2,161.05

Receipts.

Interest on Mortgage, Portland Society	\$286.24
“ “ “ Carter, ...	300.00
“ “ “ Brown, ...	80.75
“ “ Deposit N. E. Trust Co.	25.57
Dividends, Bank of Redemption	240.00
Interest on Bonds, Eastern Railroad.	180.00
Royalties on Books sold.	11.21
Part payment of Mortgage	500.00
	\$1,623.77

Payments.

Insurance.....	\$50.00
Rent of Safe.....	5.00
Invested in Mortgage.....	2,650.00
Accrued Interest on Mortgage bought.....	69.24
	\$2,774.24

Balance of Cash on hand..... \$1,010.58*Property on Hand.*

40 Shares Bank of Redemption, cost	\$4,477.20
\$3,000 Bonds, Eastern Railroad “	2,782.50
Mortgage, Portland Society of the N. J.	5,725.00
“ J. R. Carter.....	6,000.00
“ H. S. Brown.....	2,150.00
Cash.....	1,010.58
	\$22,145.28
Stereotype Plates, Books for the Blind, and Photo-Lithographs of Swedenborg's Manu- scripts, which cost.....	
	\$8,506.94
	<u>\$30,652.22</u>

It is the intention of the Trustees to go on and complete the edition of the works of Swedenborg already in hand as soon as the work can be done in a satisfactory manner.

They hope to have ready during the coming year “Heaven and Hell,” and “The Divine Love and Wisdom.”

PELEG W. CHANDLER, }
FRANCIS A. DEWSON, } *Trustees.*

BOSTON, May 1, 1884.

NO. 10.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECCLESIASTICAL AFFAIRS.

THE Committee has met twice since the adjournment of the last Convention, and has considered the matters submitted to it.

The Committee has, as requested by Minute 78 of the last meeting, designated in a distinct list and under their proper title those candidates for the ministry, who are entitled to be so called, in accordance with Section 16 of the Constitution. This list is found printed on page 132 of the last Journal.

It has, also, as requested by Minute 79, prepared certificates of marriage and of baptism, which are herewith submitted and recommended for publication.

Certificates of membership, and blanks for transfers and for return letters are also submitted, and the Committee recommends that the same be printed in the Journal for the information of those Societies that wish to use them.

The other matters submitted to the Committee have been considered, but the Committee is not yet ready to report upon them.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECCLESIASTICAL AFFAIRS.

YOUR Committee, after a full consideration of the application of the Maryland Association, came to the following conclusion:—

Resolved, That in regard to the application of the Maryland Association, this Committee, with the information now before us, regard the proposed step as premature, and are not prepared to recommend it at the present time.

With respect to the request of the Rev. F. H. Hemperley, that owing to his being engaged in secular pursuits his name be omitted from the Convention's Roll of Ministers, your Committee recommend that this request be granted.

JOSEPH PETTEE, *Chairman*.

L. H. TAFEL, *Secretary pro tem*.

THE Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs reports that the following names should be added to the list of ministers, namely:—

Eugene D. Daniels, Toronto, Canada, Ordained June 3, 1883.

Eugene J. E. Schreck; Philadelphia, Pa. “ June 10, 1883.

Andrew Czerny, Pittsburgh, Pa. “ June 10, 1883.

William H. Schliffer, Peoria, Ill. Ordained June 10, 1883.
 Philip B. Cabell, Urbana, O. " Sept. 16, 1883.

It also recommends that the name of S. C. Eby be added, if his ordination shall take place during the meeting of Convention.

It requests that the subjects referred under Minutes 83 and 88 of the Journal of 1883 be continued in its hands.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH PETTEE, *Chairman.*

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

The certificate of membership, and letter of transfer and return letter, are printed for the information of those who may wish to adopt them.

The following blank certificates of marriage and baptism will be printed by order of the Convention for the use of the Church.

TRANSFER.

.....Society of the New Jerusalem.

.....18....

To.....

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DEAR BROTHER:

M.....

is a member in good standing of this Society and is at h....own request dismissed and cordially commended to your Christian care and fellowship.

When received by you, h....membership with us will cease.

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N. B. Please sign and return the accompanying notice.

RETURN LETTER.

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.....18....

To.....

Pastor.....

DEAR BROTHER:

This is to notify you that M.....
 a former member of your Society, who was recommended by you to us, has been regularly received into our Society.

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CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP.

THIS CERTIFIES that.....
.....of.....is a member in good standing
of the.....Society of the New Jerusalem.
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.....18....

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

“He which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said,
For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife;
and they twain shall be one flesh.”—MATT. xix. 4, 5; GEN. ii. 18.
THIS CERTIFIES that the marriage of.....
and.....was solemnized
by me at.....on the.....
day of.....18....in accordance with the laws of the
.....of.....
and the forms of the New-Jerusalem Church.
Witnesses :
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“Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath
joined together, let not man put asunder.”—MATT. xix. 6; GEN. ii. 24.

CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM.

“Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to
observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.”—MATT. xxviii. 19, 20.
THIS is given as a Memorial that on the.....
day of.....18.....
.....was baptized by me at.....
in accordance with the command of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.
Parents' names :
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The first use of Baptism is introduction into the Christian Church, and at the
same time insertion among Christians in the spiritual world.

The second use of Baptism is, that the Christian may know and acknowledge
the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Redeemer and Saviour, and follow Him.

The third and final use of Baptism is, that man may be regenerated.—T. C. R.,
n. 677, et seq.

“Thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.”—MATT. iii. 15.

NO. II.—REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

THE Board of Missions presents the following annual Report. The amount of subscriptions and donations obtained for the year ending May 15, 1884, was \$1,578.35. The Treasurer's statement herewith annexed shows the amount of actual receipts to have been \$1,518.35. Aid has been extended to different missionaries as follows:—

To Rev. Adams Peabody, for work done in Kansas and Arkansas.	\$150.00
To Rev. A. O. Brickman, in Kan. and Ga.	200.00
" A. F. Frost, for Michigan.	100.00
" J. E. Bowers in Canada.	50.00
" J. P. Smith " Tennessee	600.00
" A. Boyesen " Sweden.	150.00
" Wm. Winslow " Denmark	150.00
Sig. Scocia " Italy	150.00
Rev. A. Schiweck " East Prussia	100.00
	\$1,650.00

In accordance with resolutions adopted by the Convention, the Board extended aid to the small group of receivers at Barren Fork, Ark., known as the Cold Spring Society, the Rev. Mr. Peabody visiting them in November last, and administering the sacraments. He extended his visit to Hamburg, Ark. His Report to the Convention gives the details of the service performed. It was much desired by the Board that a minister could be engaged to visit the New-Church people in New Orleans, La., but after application to two of our ministers to go there, it was found impracticable to secure their services. It is hoped that some one can be secured for this service in the coming fall or winter.

As to the work in Kansas, the Rev. Mr. Brickman's labors there in May and June of last year were very satisfactory to those among whom he labored. Kansas is a large State; there are a considerable number of receivers in various localities; but outside of Topeka, where there is a small but well-established Society, there are no places where there are a sufficient number of people to support a minister. The Rev. Mr. Peabody has removed from

Larned, Kansas, to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and it is not probable that he will be able to do missionary work in Kansas, hereafter. Now that the Missouri Association has practically ceased to exist, the duty of providing for the wants of Kansas will devolve upon this Board. If the receivers in the State will place themselves in proper relations to the Board and contribute to its funds, a missionary can be employed to visit them.

In Michigan, the members of the New Church seem to be coming into more harmonious relations with each other, so that they can coöperate in sustaining missionary labor in that State. It is not expected that the Board will be called upon for an appropriation for this field in the coming year. In Tennessee, the Rev. J. P. Smith continues to labor faithfully and successfully. After a full investigation of the merits of Mr. Smith as a missionary, and of the value of his services, the Board is satisfied that he is doing a good work, and that he is worthy of the continued support of the Church.

The Board has endeavored to coöperate as far as practicable with the Southern New-Church Missionary Society. The only thing that could be done in this direction was to aid the Savannah Society in procuring the services of a minister. The Rev. Mr. Brickman, who was preferred by that Society, visited them in December last, spending about three months with them, and giving public lectures, and instructing the New-Church people in private gatherings. His labors were highly appreciated, and it is thought that some new interest was awakened.

From the missions in foreign lands we have encouraging reports. Signor Scocia continues to labor diligently in the work of translating the works of Swedenborg into the Italian language, and in publishing them and other New-Church works. The "True Christian Religion," in full, in Italian, has now been issued in a handsome form and is for sale in this country. It is pleasing to note the contributions of our Sunday-schools to a fund in memory of Mrs. Brotherton for the use of Signor Scocia. These contributions amounted to nearly \$200, and were forwarded with the last remittance of the Board to him.

In Copenhagen, Mr. Wilhelm Winslow preaches to a Society which has recently ordained him into the ministry. While there is some want of harmony among the New-Church people of that city, we are assured that Mr. Winslow's labors are useful, and that he is deserving of our support.

In Stockholm, Mr. Boyesen preaches to increasing numbers, and gives lectures in other places in Sweden. It is much to be desired that a building for worship could be erected in the capital of Sweden. In his communication to the Convention last year, Mr. Boyesen asked aid for this object, and he renews his appeal this year, presenting a very encouraging account of his labors. While the Board does not feel able to undertake the raising of a subscription for the special object of erecting a building in Stockholm, preferring that the enterprise should be undertaken by a separate committee, yet it would recommend that the Convention express its approval of the effort. This has already been done by the New-Church Conference of Great Britain. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America heartily sympathizes with the Rev. A. Boyesen and our Swedish brethren in their efforts to propagate the New-Church doctrines in Sweden, and especially in Stockholm, the home of Swedenborg; and knowing the importance of securing their recognition as a religious body by the erection of a building for worship and other purposes, recommends this object to the members of the New Church in the United States and Canada as worthy of their aid.

In this connection it may be stated that the Secretary of the Board has made known his intention of visiting Sweden during the coming summer to gather information respecting the state of the New Church there, and to aid our brethren in Stockholm to secure a permanent establishment and recognition by the government. In conclusion, the Board desires to congratulate the brethren of the Convention on this centennial anniversary of the first introduction of the New-Church doctrines in America upon the constantly increasing evidences of the progress of the New Church in our own and other countries, and upon the activity prevailing in our State Associations in efforts to propagate these doctrines through missionary labor. There is a large field lying beyond the limits of our State bodies where the Church is not organized. This field must be cared for by our Board. We hope to come into closer relations with the New-Church receivers in these outlying districts, to become better acquainted with their wants, and to aid them by all means in our power. To continue our present work, and to enter upon new uses, we must receive the support of all parts of

the Church. We therefore earnestly solicit subscriptions to the Board from all who have heretofore aided us, and from many more to whom our appeal may come.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, TREASURER, *in account with* THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

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1883.			
May 15.	To Balance		\$211.27
1884.			
May 15.	Subscriptions Received, Home.....	\$533.50	
	“ “ Foreign.....	142.75	
	“ “ General.....	842.10	
			1,518.35
			\$1,729.62

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1884.			
May 15.	Payments as follows:—		
	Rev. A. Peabody.....	\$150.00	
	“ A. O. Brickman	200.00	
	“ A. F. Frost	100.00	
	“ J. E. Bowers.....	50.00	
	“ J. P. Smith	600.00	
	“ A. Boyesen	150.00	
	“ W. Winslow	150.00	
	Sig. Socia.....	150.00	
	Rev. A. Schiweck.....	100.00	
	Printing, Postage, etc.....	19.62	
	Balance.....	60.00	
			\$1,729.62

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BOSTON, May 15, 1884.

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, *Treasurer.*

NO. 12. — REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

THE Managers have the satisfaction of reporting that the term of the Convention's School just closed has been one of unusual interest. The accommodations for the School have been improved, the teaching force increased, and the number and character of the students have been such as to give assurance of the usefulness of the School to the Church. The new features of a Normal Class for Sunday-school teachers, and still more the Correspondence School, give promise of extended usefulness; though their permanent relations to the School are not yet fully adjusted. The Report of the President, herewith submitted, gives the details of the work for the term.

The Board recommends that Rev. S. S. Seward, Rev. S. F. Dike, Rev. Wm. B. Hayden, and Mr. Wm. N. Hobart be elected to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of their term of office.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. DIKE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

THE year now closing has been fruitful in experiences both positive and negative. The promise of a year ago of a large increase in the membership of the School has not been fulfilled. Seven students of the class of last year have taken their second year's course, namely, Messrs. Alden, Croy, Grant, Hay, Shurtleff, Ward, and W. L. Worcester. At the beginning of the present year three new students were received on trial, of whom two remained only until Christmas, and the third, Mr. Frank L. Higgins, was added to the advanced class. These eight have pursued their studies with diligence, and have been useful in the preparatory ministerial work of conducting the services for small Societies, also as conductors and teachers of Sunday-schools.

The work of last year was considerably restricted by the lack of rooms devoted especially to the School; and with the enlarged plans of this year such rooms became a necessity. Three rooms, accordingly, were leased in the building owned by the Massachusetts New-Church Union, on the fourth floor, sunny and comparatively quiet; which have proved quite satisfactory for our present needs.

The corps of instructors has been the same as last year, with the addition of Rev. J. E. Werren, who has taught the elementary classes in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin with gratifying success. It is rare that the elements of these languages are presented in so interesting, living, and thorough a manner as they are by Mr. Werren.

Dr. Paine has taught the advanced classes in the languages, reading with them portions of the Arcana, the whole of the Gospel of Mark, and part of the Book of Ezekiel. For the last six weeks of the term, Dr. Paine has been compelled by an injury to be absent from his work. Though they have missed him greatly, the students have been occupied with other work, especially the preparation of sermons; two of his class have read Latin together, three have read Greek, and three have joined temporarily Mr. Werren's class in Hebrew.

Exercises in elocution have been conducted every Saturday morning by Mr. Robertson, who has paid special attention to intelligent reading by the students; and who, in the early and the later parts of the term, was permitted to take them to the Bowdoin-Street Church for practice in reading in a large room. A marked improvement in reading has been attained.

The visits of Dr. Dike, to give instruction in Church history, have come fortnightly, instead of monthly as heretofore. The recitations have been held on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons of every other week. This closer attention has rendered much more efficient the work of this department, which is most valuable in giving comprehensive views of human development and of Divine revelation. Its somewhat extensive course of reading does much also in cultivating an intelligent appreciation of books.

The theological reading for the year has included "The Last Judgment," "The Apocalypse Revealed," and "The Divine Love and Wisdom," besides the work on Heaven and Hell for the new member of the class. These works have been carefully read, discussed, illustrated by references to other works, and fixed as to their main points by written exercises. Essays upon theological subjects were also prepared by the class until February, since which time they have written about four sermons each.

At the October meeting of the Massachusetts Association, its Committee on Religious Instruction recommended the establishment of a Normal Class for Sunday-school teachers; for which

purpose the President was authorized by the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers to offer the coöperation of the Theological School. The offer was accepted, and twenty-five teachers of Bible history and story, from the several Societies in Massachusetts, were invited to join our students for regular exercises in preparation for Sunday-school work, upon Thursday afternoons. The first meeting was held November 15, and the last on the twenty-fourth of April. The teachers from the more distant Societies found it inconvenient to be present at many meetings, but their places were so far filled by others from the nearer Societies that there was usually an attendance of from eighteen to twenty-five, besides our own students. Mr. John T. Prince, who is an agent of the State Board of Education, and has had long experience as a teacher and superintendent of schools, contributed a course of valuable lessons upon mental development and the best methods of instruction and discipline. The President of the School gave explanations of the literal and the spiritual senses of the Book of Genesis, illustrating freely by maps, photographs, and other materials. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to illustrate as fully as possible the manner in which the materials for the literal sense of the Scriptures were provided and preserved; and a desire to introduce our students to the explanations contained in Swedenborg's "Heavenly Arcana," led to a much fuller exposition of the spiritual sense than would be needful merely for Sunday-school work.

On the fifth of December, in response to an urgent invitation from an intelligent clergyman not connected with the New Church, the Executive Committee authorized the President to take all necessary steps for the establishment of a New-Church Correspondence School as a branch of the Department of Theology. Accordingly, the following advertisement was inserted in twelve of the principal religious and literary papers of the country, and was refused by two:—

"A New-Church Correspondence School for the study of the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, will be opened January 1, 1884, by the Theological School of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem. For circulars, address the New-Church Correspondence School, 169 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass."

In order to be prepared for any possible demand, Rev. W. H. Mayhew and Rev. Warren Goddard, Jr., were associated with the

President for the work. The following circular was prepared, and copies were mailed to all applicants, together with blank applications for membership:—

“NEW-CHURCH CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL.

“The New-Church Correspondence School is designed for the systematic study of the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg. It is intended for clergymen and students in theology, whether connected with the New Church or not, and others who, on account of distance, are unable to obtain the assistance they need in study by personal association with New-Church organizations.

“The School is established by the Managers of the Theological School of the General Convention of the New-Jerusalem Church, as a branch of the Department of Theology. It will endeavor to promote an intelligent and accurate knowledge of the doctrines taught by Swedenborg, and to give the support of companionship to those who are beginning to enjoy the light of those doctrines.

“For this purpose it will issue fortnightly a circular assigning portions to be read, indicating the more important subjects for attention, and asking questions upon them; giving opportunity, also, for questions in return. As the answers are received, printed sheets will be prepared, explaining briefly the points which seem generally to require comment; and, as far as practicable, written replies will be given to individual difficulties. Questions not relating to the subject in hand will be filed for future attention.

“The course of reading the first year will begin with the work on Heaven and Hell, and probably continue with ‘The Divine Love and Wisdom’ and ‘The Divine Providence,’ as these works contain the experience of spiritual things, and the philosophy, which underlie all New-Church thought. The second year’s course will be chiefly doctrinal, including ‘The True Christian Religion’ and some other works. The third year will be devoted mainly to the explanations of the Scriptures, including ‘The Apocalypse Revealed,’ and some portions of the ‘Heavenly Arcana.’ This schedule may be varied, under the guidance of experience; but it is intended that the course shall include at least a full introduction to all the theological works published by Swedenborg.

“The first circular will be issued January 1, 1884, and mailed to all members of the School. It is intended to issue others fortnightly until July 1, and to begin another year in the autumn.

“A fee of five dollars a year will be required, which may on occasion be diminished or remitted.

“Address the

NEW-CHURCH CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL,

169 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass.

BOSTON, Dec. 1, 1883.”

The first set of Notes and Questions was mailed the first day of January; and the succeeding sets have been mailed regularly every fortnight. The Notes contain much fuller illustrations from other works of Swedenborg than was originally intended,—so full, indeed,

that they furnish nearly all the material for thorough study that can be desired by New-Church ministers and Sunday-school teachers. This fulness in the Notes supersedes the general explanations that were originally designed for the circulars of reply ; and all replies to the answers sent have been given by individual correspondence.

So little time intervened between the first announcement and the actual opening of the School, that on the first day of January there were only six members of the School. This number, however, rapidly increased ; and on the first day of April there were twenty-six full members, which number on account of the lateness of the season it was not desired to increase before the opening of the second year.

Considering the fact that some sixty thousand volumes of Swedenborg's writings have within a few years been received by Protestant ministers in this country, it was somewhat disappointing that only four were ready to avail themselves of the opportunity for thorough study, and for such association with others who love the same truth as would leave them in perfect freedom. But even this step requires considerable courage, and it may take time to make the design and operation of the School sufficiently well known to be trusted. But even for the education of four, the whole expense and labor of the School is not an extravagant outlay.

On the other hand, the incidental use of the School to scattered New-Churchmen, and to teachers of the doctrines, has been unexpectedly great. Of these there are twenty-two full members of the School, thirty-three who subscribe for the Notes, and twenty-three who, for special reasons, receive them regularly. In all, the Notes go to two libraries and eighty individuals, of whom four are preachers in the Old Church, twenty-eight are New-Church ministers and students for the ministry, twenty-six are laymen, and twenty-two women. All the correspondents but one, besides the ministers, are either isolated or are representatives of small circles without ministers.

It is intended to form a new class for the first year's course next year, and to go on with the present class in the work of the second year. The desire to give a full course the present year, when yet it could not begin until January, has made the work somewhat heavy ; but hereafter the same will be distributed over a longer time. The work will necessarily be solid ; for the chief end of

the Correspondence School was and is to assist the systematic study of the theological writings of Swedenborg by ministers not connected with the New Church. It would hardly be practicable for such ministers to undertake a longer course than three years; and to give a thorough introduction to New-Church doctrines in a three-years' course, requires somewhat diligent study.

Respectfully submitted to the Board of Managers.

JOHN WORCESTER, *President.*

NO. 13.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENCE.

THE Committee takes pleasure in submitting the following account of the work and progress of the New Church in foreign countries, namely: the Report of Prof. Scocia, of the Italian Mission; Report of the Rev. Wm. Winslow, of the Church in Denmark; Report of the Rev. A. Schiweck of his labors in East Prussia; a statement regarding the Church in Germany and Switzerland; a letter from Mr. Edmond Chevrier regarding the Church in France; and a brief historical memorandum regarding the introduction of the New Church into the continent of Australia from Mr. Wm. Holden, of Adelaide.

ITALY.

SIGNOR SCOCIA writes :—

“In my last annual Reports I stated that the second volume of the ‘*Vera Christiana Religio*,’ translated by me into the Italian, was in course of being printed. I have now the pleasure to report that this volume has been published, and that thus the Sacred Library of the New Church is enriched by a chief work without doubt the most important of all the precious writings left us by Swedenborg.

“The translation and printing of this work have cost me the labor of four years, all the more exacting and critical on account of the many quotations from the Sacred Scriptures, which have been in every instance verified, and where necessary corrected. This second volume, which has long been eagerly awaited by a number of my fellow-countrymen, will be placed at once for sale together with the first volume, and also donated to the public libraries to which my other publications have been contributed.

"I am happy to be able to say that the work of propagating the heavenly doctrines proceeds regularly, if slowly. Since my last Reports up to date have been sold in Italy ten copies of the first volume of 'The True Christian Religion,' and fifty copies of the 'Life of Swedenborg,' published by me last year, besides the gratuitous distribution of a considerable number of small tracts drawn from the writings of Swedenborg.

"To this sale and distribution have contributed those few of my fellow-countrymen whose minds have been illuminated by the new light. I am rejoiced to say that although few in number these have not ceased to encourage me in my sacred work, and have very zealously united in extending the knowledge of these new religious truths. Unfortunately the immediate results do not correspond to our efforts because of the prevailing infidelity resulting from the materialism and atheism which are publicly taught in the schools of the Lyceums and Universities, and disseminated by means of a corrupt and pernicious literature.

"Notwithstanding all this, I am not discouraged, but believe firmly that this state of doubt and negation serves, providentially, the cause of the New Church, because it destroys the old prejudices and religious errors which close the superior intellect and oppose themselves to the introduction of new truth. Moreover, this state of negation is not a permanent one, because humanity will not remain fixed in indifference regarding the great problems of the future life; and the history of nations and of individuals teaches us that there is often a transition from infidelity to faith all the more eager because of the long privation which has been endured; since humanity, long deprived of the support of religion, embraces all the more eagerly what it had abandoned; like the prodigal son, who, having spent his youth in dissipation, is glad to return to the Father's house to find there the once disdained affection, care, and support.

"But during this time of the inundation of falsities, and of spiritual night, we are not to expect that a new church will find many adherents. It is better that she should remain in the desert for a season than that her goods and truths should be profaned by those who are unworthy to receive them.

"Having deeply considered this question in all its grave aspects, I have concluded to direct my own efforts principally to the translation and publication of the theological writings of Swedenborg.

I am confident that all the worthy friends of the good cause who see the subject in its various bearings, and consider these translations as fundamental and of first importance, will approve of my determination, and will continue to encourage me with their generous sympathy.

“It has been mainly through the aid received from these worthy friends that I have been able to publish in Italian twenty volumes concerning the New Church, of which six are those of Swedenborg himself. And now in this great field of labor I believe that the time is at hand for the translation and publication of the ‘Arcana Cœlestia,’ and for the opening to my fellow-countrymen of that vast sacred encyclopædia, that great emporium of spiritual knowledge wherein are included the priceless treasures of angelic wisdom.

“Thus far the theological writings of Swedenborg have been translated entire in only three languages: the English, the French, and the German. It seems to me a matter of interest to the whole Church that now a complete translation into the Italian language shall add a new degree to the publicity afforded to the heavenly doctrines. The Italian language is spoken at present by forty millions of people embracing the inhabitants of those islands and provinces not politically united to this new kingdom. It is therefore doubtless one of the principal languages of Europe, and by its close affinity with the Latin, is most admirably adapted to the translation of the writings of Swedenborg.

“But there is one difficulty: who shall dare undertake so extensive a work? As no one else offers I am resolved to assume it myself, trusting that the Lord will give me sufficient strength and necessary means for carrying it to completion. Inasmuch, however, as the Lord does not carry on his good works immediately, but by means of angels and men, I turn to all the friends of the sacred cause that they may be willing to assist me in this great enterprise. The number of these devoted friends has within a few years been sadly reduced through the departure of several of them to the spiritual world, especially Mrs. Eliza A. Lawson, of Glendale, Ohio; the Rev. Augustus Clissold, of London; and lastly the good and amiable Mrs. Eliza H. Brotherton, who for seven years has been my valiant and indefatigable supporter.

“Such a loss were inconsolable were it not for the revelation afforded by Swedenborg ‘that the New Church on earth increases

according to its increase in the world of spirits, since spirits thence are near to men, and they are those who were of the faith of their Church when they were on earth; and none others there receive the doctrine than those who were in the spiritual affection of truth. These only are conjoined to heaven where that doctrine is, and these conjoin heaven to men. Their number in the world of spirits increases at present from day to day; wherefore according to their increase, increases upon the earth that Church which is called the New Jerusalem.'—Apoc. Explic., n. 732.

"It is consoling and at the same time encouraging to know that our dear friends departed to the other world are still near to us; that their labors for the great and noble cause have not ceased; that they participate in the angelic duty of conjoining us to heaven, and coöperate in an invisible manner towards the progress on earth of the kingdom of the Lord.

"From the esteemed Mr. F. H. Lawson, of Cincinnati, I received in the month of September last the sum of five hundred dollars left by the will of the above-named Mrs. Lawson, his mother, recently deceased, for the benefit of the Italian Mission, of which cause this benevolent lady was always a devoted and generous friend. According to the obligation assumed, this donation will be devoted to the publication of a second and revised edition of the work on Heaven and Hell already translated by me into the Italian. I am happy to add that I have already begun this work. I am equally pledged to the publication of a catechism for the religious instruction of the children of those Italian families who have received the doctrines of the New Church, and also this work is in the course of execution. If the Lord shall preserve me in my present state of health I hope to be able in a few months to bring both to a happy completion.

"The contributions received by me up to this date for the needs of the Mission are the following:—

English Conference Committee.		£40
American Board of Missions	£15 4s. 10d.	
Mr. and Mrs. Allen, of Glendale, Ohio	\$100.00	
Several Italian friends, Italian <i>Lire</i> 50	10.00	

"In my own name and that of my fellow-countrymen who have found the light of life in the heavenly doctrines of the New Church, permit me to thank the worthy members of the American

Board of Missions, and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the English Conference Committee for the Italian Mission, the devoted and generous friends Mr. and Mrs. Allen, the kind Miss Ella F. Mosby, and Mr. F. Lemmason, the excellent Dr. John Ellis and Mr. Cerqua, of New York, the courteous editors of the periodicals of the New Church published in America, and particularly those of the *Children's Magazine*, and all those true Christian friends in England and America who in whatever way have encouraged me in my feeble efforts and have lent their valid support to the support of the missionary work of the New Church in Italy.

"I cannot find words to express my profound and sincere gratitude."

DENMARK.

THE following letter is from Mr. William Winslow, of Copenhagen :—

"During the last Convention year some very important events have transpired within our Society. What I am here alluding to will already be known to you from the contents of two documents which have been forwarded to you lately: 1. A memorial pamphlet respecting my ordination on October 28, 1883, by a select Committee of members of my congregation. 2. A word in self-defence occasioned by Rev. Mr. Boyesen's insinuations against me in a Report to the Board of Missions, published in the *New-Jerusalem Messenger* of 9th January last.

"Since the appearance and transmission of these documents nothing has happened here worthy of especial mention. Our difficulties seem to be lessening on all sides. The Society is slowly gaining in strength, and we are all walking and working together in peace and harmony. Since January 1, I have resumed the publication of our monthly paper *Salem* only changing its name to *Fremtiden*, which means the future or the coming age. During the six months I have been serving as pastor to the Society I have baptized two children, and administered the Holy Supper three times."

EAST PRUSSIA.

THE Rev. Mr. Schiweck writes as follows :—

"It is with pleasure that I lay before my brethren and honored friends of the New Church in America a short review of my feeble efforts in building up the true Church of the Lord in this inhospitable land of East Prussia.

"The first Sundays of each month I have preached here at my home, Monethen, in Polish, and the second Sunday in German. During the warmer season of the year I preached on the remaining Sundays at outlying stations, Pietraschen, Amberg, Yukneitschen, Lengowen, and Kukowen. In the cold season, which is here both long and severe, these Sundays were used, so far as my bodily condition permitted it, to teach and preach in Polish. The last lectures were concerning the Grand Man.

"At other places the number of hearers varied; oftentimes I had no more than the few isolated receivers; sometimes I had a room full of Old-Church people who listened very attentively. Mone-then always affords the largest audiences; many times our room would not hold them all, so that an adjacent one had to be opened.

"After the service we always have an hour of conversation which either further elucidates the subject of the sermon, or treats upon a passage of the Word which affords difficulties to one or other person of those present. The time of these conversations never went beyond an hour's duration, because my feeble organs of speech, exhausted by the delivery of the sermon, often denied further service after a short discussion. At the Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas festivals I preached the first day of each in Polish, the second in German. At Pentecost the celebration of the Holy Supper also took place.

"For want of funds I have been unable to scatter the amount of tracts and writings of former years. The Swedenborg Society, England, has this year again placed gratis at my disposition twenty-five copies of "Heaven and Hell" (*O Niebie i o Piekle*), and the same number of "Divine Providence" (*Boska Opatrnosc*). Several years ago this honored Society has provided me with the same number of copies, which I have mostly given away. Of those given me last year I distributed many, sold only two volumes for 2 *M.* 50 *Pf.* Since the money does not belong to me, but to the Church, I bought with it German tracts and gave them to persons of whom I could suppose they would make good use of them.

I administered the Holy Supper twice to the Germans in Mone-then (twenty-one persons), and twice to the Poles (fifteen persons), and five times at other places. There were in the whole forty-seven (different) communicants, six more than in the past year.

"Three infants were introduced into the Lord's New Church by baptism.

"I officiated at one funeral.

"In the first months of year just ended I fell from one sickness into another; at one time it seemed as if I was at the end of my earthly career. Several times I had to preach in the sitting posture for want of strength, and with closed eyes on account of troubles with my eyes. I felt thus in a lively manner the great mercy of the Lord, who had lent me the power to preach *ex tempore* with only a few notes and the Bible at my hand. During the year I have been restored to my usual health through the Lord's mercy, only the pains in the eyes have not left me. Now, during the cold season, they are so intense that I am scarcely able to do the absolutely necessary reading and writing. I hope God will save me from total blindness. May his mercy grant me the ability to work in the field of his New Church so long as I shall live upon earth, for that is the joy of my life."

GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND.

THE German New-Church Union is continuing its useful work. It is slowly increasing in numbers, its present membership being two hundred and fourteen, an increase of three from the previous year. With the exception of a few self-sacrificing men, there does not seem to be much earnest work; the generality of the members seem to think their duty toward the Church accomplished when they have paid their very moderate annual contribution. These contributions amounted in the past year to a little over two hundred dollars; so that a great part of the annual expenses must be defrayed by infringing on the capital stock donated by one or two generous members. Still there seem to be sufficient vitality in the Church in Germany, and sufficient means to do what seems at present desirable, if the Church were only roused to a due sense of its duties and organized more efficiently; all this in the good providence of the Lord will come in time.

Our zealous brother, J. G. Mitnacht, has provided the means for the translation of the whole of the "Spiritual Diary," and this work is now ready for the press. The translation has been made by our learned and indefatigable brother, Prof. W. P. Pfirsch, to whom the German Church is indebted for much efficient work, he being, in this field of usefulness, a worthy successor of Dr. Immanuel Tafel. It is to be hoped that the German Church may now soon come into the possession of this important translation,

which, from the learning of its author, promises to be of unusual excellence.

The Rev. Fedor Goerwitz continues to minister to the New-Church circles and the scattered receivers in Germany and Switzerland, with occasional visits to Austria and Hungary. He continues to reside in Zurich, Switzerland.

The *Neu-Kirchenblaetter*, formerly published by our brother J. G. Mitnacht at Frankfurt, have been discontinued; but the place of this periodical is now filled by a monthly published by Rev. F. Goerwitz, which seems to find a cordial reception and support.

Mr. J. G. Mitnacht has disposed of about one-half of his great stock of German New-Church books to the German Missionary Union of America on the most liberal terms. By thus dividing this great trust, he has established another safeguard against its destruction by any one conflagration, and provided the German Church in this country with a supply for the next ten or twenty years.

Mr. Schiweck continues to preach in East Prussia in the German and the Polish languages, though he continues a great sufferer from disease and from the infirmities of age. His labors continue to be cheered by the sympathy and assistance of the Church in England and in America.

FRANCE.

LETTER from M. Edmond Chevrier:—

“The state of the New Church in France has not changed during the past year. The opening of the temple in Paris, which we owe to the generosity of M. and Mme. Humann, has noticeably increased the number of attendants at worship, and the attention of the students of the Latin quarter has been called to our doctrines. The sale of books of the New Church which had completely ceased a few years ago, has yielded satisfactory results since the organization of the Swedenborgian bookstore by Mme. Humann. We have good hope that all these efforts will result in increasing considerably the number of the members and friends of the New Church.

“Unfortunately the present state of public spirit in France is unfavorable to the propagation of new doctrines in religion. The struggle between the Catholic clergy who rule the upper classes of society, and the radical materialists who direct the masses of the

people, becomes daily more violent; and it seems as if the Lord willed that his new Revelation should extend itself but slowly in those places in which it is liable to profanation.

"Irreligion is making greater and greater progress. Perhaps this is permitted by Providence for this overturning of the Babylonish organization still so powerful in our country. Whatever be the interior trials we may have to pass through, I still do not lose confidence in the future, recalling the words which should always bring us comfort, '*Dominus providebit!*'"

"Whatever may come, I have the firm hope that there will be always in France intelligent and devoted men to sustain the cause of the New Church. I have in mind several on whom I think we may depend for the future.

"I visited last month at St. Amand the venerable Mme. Le Boys des Guays, who, in spite of her eighty years, retains all her faculties. Notwithstanding the efforts of her family who are attached to the Papist or radical sections, she remains warmly devoted to the New Church. The meeting of the little flock of St. Amand is still very dear to her, and she contributes each year several hundred francs for the publication of the Latin Bible.

"I am soon going to visit a number of people in———who take a lively interest in the doctrines. I hope to be able to finish the publication of the Latin Bible according to the writings of Swedenborg, but the work becomes more and more difficult because it is necessary to fill out the manuscripts left by M. Le Boys des Guays in adding the passages of Schmidt. I have finished this winter the printing of 'Jeremiah,' which I shall soon send to you. It is a volume of three hundred and twenty pages, sold for five francs only. We have put 'Isaiah' at the same price. I am now about to undertake the printing of 'Ezekiel' and the 'Minor Prophets.' It is embarrassing to be obliged to print eighty leagues from home, and in spite of all my painstaking there are occasional misprints.

"You who in the United States have arrived at the promised land, do not forget in your prayers those who, like your brethren in France, are still in the desert; that is, in the midst of trial and suffering."

We feel justified in bidding the General Convention to rejoice with us in the intelligence received from Prof. Scocia of the publication of the second volume of "The True Christian Religion" in

the Italian language, completing that great work ; and also in the proposal advanced by Signor Scocia to begin the translation and publication of the "Arcana Cœlestia" in the same language, thus making the Word in its internal sense accessible to forty millions more of our fellow-men on this earth.

The Bible compilation undertaken by our brother M. Chevrier, of France, is one eminently worthy of our encouragement and support. It is a complete Latin text collated from Swedenborg. It is accessible nowhere else, and is a desirable acquisition for all New-Church ministers and scholars. Mr. Swinney would doubtless order a supply of each book of the Old Testament as issued in Paris, if requested to do so.

ACCOUNT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW-CHURCH DOCTRINES INTO
AUSTRALIA, AND OF THE GROWTH OF THE NEW-CHURCH
SOCIETY IN ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Mr. Jacob Pitman (brother of the inventor of phonography) received the doctrines of the New Church about the year 1836, and in 1838 he emigrated with his wife and two or three children from England to this Colony in the ship *Trusty*, in which I also was a passenger. I have no recollection of ever having heard the name of Swedenborg when in England ; but having been frequently urged by Mr. Pitman to read the writings, my stubborn prejudices at length gave way, and about the year 1842 I avowed my entire adhesion to the New Church. Meanwhile two or three other of Mr. Pitman's acquaintances did the same. Consequently in 1844 Mr. Pitman resolved to open his house for worship. The record of this event is still extant as follows :—

"July 7, 1844-88.

"On this day agreeable to notice previously given by Mr. Jacob Pitman, the worship of Jehovah Jesus as the only God of heaven and earth was first celebrated in the Province of South Australia according to the doctrines of the New Church, as revealed to the world through the instrumentality of Emanuel Swedenborg.

"Present: Jacob and Emma Pitman and family, Smith Owen Smith, William Holden."

Thus on the seventh day of the seventh month, 1844, the first altar dedicated to the Lord in his Divine Humanity was erected in the Southern Hemisphere. This is the origin of our Society. The services have been regularly held on the Sabbath up to the present time. Mrs. Pitman has since passed to her eternal home, but the

three male adults are still living in this world of the dying. I believe I am the oldest of the three (76), and have lately seen one of my great-grandchildren baptized in our chapel. In 1846, pursuant to the advice of Dr. Barnes, of Bath, Mr. Pitman called a special meeting of all the then known recipients in the Colony for October 4 of that year to organize a New-Church Society. Dr. Barnes advised the appointment of a minister by lot, as was done in London in respect to the Rev. Robert Hindmarsh. But as some of us thought this was premature, it was arranged that if on that Sunday evening, October 4, there were twelve adult male recipients present, we would proceed to the lot. Strange to say this is a doubtful point to this day! We had arranged a special service, including the reading of the twelve articles of faith, and after the reading of each, the recipients were to respond to the question, "Do you believe this as an article of faith?" "I do." At the commencement there were eleven male adults present. Mr. Pitman accordingly began to read the usual liturgical service. While reading the first lesson, the twelfth, Mr. Thomas Wallis entered. Mr. Pitman finished the chapter and then proceeded with the special service. But after reading the fifth article, Mr. Bradford, a recent convert, declined to make the required response on the ground that the subject was quite new to him. Hence the arrangement fell through. Three years later Mr. Pitman was induced on a requisition signed by nineteen recipients, who had accepted the doctrines through his instrumentality, to be inaugurated as our minister on Sunday morning, March 14, 1847. On the following Sunday, thirty-seven years ago this very day, twelve of the recipients formed themselves into a Society, signed the declaration of faith, were baptized by Mr. Pitman, and received the Holy Supper. In 1859 Mr. Pitman removed to Geelong, and our present minister was elected in his place. Mr. Day was ordained February, 1878. Our present place of worship was opened 1871. Our estate is worth about £1,800 net. Our congregations seldom exceed forty.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM HOLDEN.

We offer the following resolutions for the consideration and approval of the Convention :—

Resolved, That this Convention hears with deep joy and gratitude of the completion by Prof. Scocia of the publication in the Italian language of the work entitled “The True Christian Religion,” and of his readiness, under the Divine Providence, to commence the translation and publication of the “Arcana Cœlestia.” In this great undertaking we desire to extend to him the support and encouragement of our earnest good-will, and the pledges of such pecuniary support as we may have to extend from time to time.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Board of Missions the appropriation of the following sums in aid of the work in the countries named :—

To Prof. Loreto Scocia, Italy . . .	\$250.00
Rev. A. Schiweck, East Prussia . .	100.00
Rev. Wm. Winslow, Copenhagen . .	100.00
Rev. A. Boyesen, Stockholm . . .	100.00

Respectfully submitted for the Committee.

FRANK SEWALL, *Chairman*.

NO. 14. — REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLICATION OF SWEDENBORG'S MANUSCRIPTS.

THE Committee on the Manuscripts of Swedenborg reports that during the past year a good deal of work has been done in making the manuscripts available and useful to the Church. Dr. R. L. Tafel, of London, after translating and editing the first volume of the large manuscript on the Brain, has resumed his valuable labors, and devoted much time to the preparation of a second volume of the same work for the press. We are not informed as to the probable time of the publication of this volume, but believe the work to be well advanced, so that we may hope to have it in hand before long.

From Dr. S. H. Worcester we learn that he hopes to present in print at the Convention, from the manuscripts, the treatises, “De Divino Amore et de Divina Sapientia,” “De Domino,” and the “Invitatio ad Novam Ecclesiam”; also eight chapters of the

"Apocalypsis Explicata," and the "Coronis" (not from the MSS.). Dr. Worcester further informs us that he has completed the Index to the passages of the Word found in the "Apocalypsis Explicata," and that he is very far along in his preparation of a very full Index Rerum of the same work, which cannot fail to be of great value and interest to the Church.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. BENADE,

Chairman of the Committee on the Manuscripts of Swedenborg.

Reports of Associations and Societies.

CANADA ASSOCIATION.

THE Canada Association consists of the *Berlin, Wellesley, Toronto, Montreal, and Strathroy* Societies. Its General Pastor is the Rev. F. W. Türk, of Berlin, Ontario.

The Berlin Society is in about the same state as last year, with the exception that it has lost three members by death, and nineteen by removal to the United States and to other places in Canada. At present it contains two hundred and thirteen communicants. Its pastor has divided his labor, as heretofore, between the Berlin and Wellesley Societies. The fourth Sunday was given to the work in Wellesley. He solemnized eleven marriages, and officiated at four funerals. The Sabbath and Confirmation schools, and the Young People's Association are in about the same state as last year.

The Wellesley Society is in the same condition as last year.

The Toronto Society is in a prosperous condition under its faithful and zealous pastor, the Rev. E. D. Daniels, who has been ordained and installed by the General Pastor of the Association on the 3rd of June last. It has met for Divine worship every Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock, at its temple on Elm Street, where the doctrines of life have been preached in the heavenly light of the New Dispensation by its pastor. His lectures in the evening on the Sabbath days during the fall and winter months have been of such a character as to give not only clearer light to the members of the Church, but also enlightenment to those unacquainted with the truths of the New Jerusalem.

The work has been extended by the pastor, members, and friends of the Church to Parkdale, a town adjacent to the city, where a series of discourses have been given during the week-day evenings, and every Sunday afternoon, presenting to the citizens of that place the teachings of the New Church, on some of the most interesting subjects of thought agitating the religious world at this day.

The Sunday-school work has steadily progressed, the Doctrine of the Lord and Sacred Scriptures being its chief study during the present session. Its sphere and usefulness have been beneficial to scholars and teachers. There is a large increase of attendance.

The Young People's Association is still in a prosperous state of growth, and an interesting feature in connection with the Society.

The Ladies' Aid Society meets semi-weekly, at the residence of some one of its members. It is very useful, and highly appreciated by all the members of the church.

The Society meetings have been regularly held at the appointed times; also other meetings for social, musical, and intellectual instruction have been held.

The number of membership of that Society has not been stated to me.

The Montreal Society has not changed since my last Report. It enjoys regular worship under its faithful pastor, the Rev. E. Gould. There are one or two persons who have been interested, and are attending the church and weekly meeting, and who will, it is hoped, eventually receive the truth.

The Strathroy Society is still without a pastor. It has held no Divine service during the year. Most of the members have moved away to other parts of the world. There are only half a dozen left, who hold the church property.

The Canada Association will hold its next annual meeting in August, after its General Pastor has returned from Europe.

Respectfully reported,

F. W. TUERK,

President of the Canada Association.

BERLIN, April 25, 1884.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

THERE are in the Illinois Association eight Societies and two congregations maintaining regular worship; and seven ministers more or less regularly employed.

The Chicago Society, Rev. L. P. Mercer pastor, has enjoyed a good degree of external prosperity and some increase of religious interest. The work of the Church is carried forward with earnestness and in harmony, and, in some respects during the past year, with uncommonly satisfactory results.

The Rev. W. F. Pendleton having been called to Philadelphia, the Rev. George Nelson Smith has become the pastor of the west and north-side congregations in Chicago.

The Canton, Wilmington, Jefferson (Wis.), and Chicago German Societies are without ministers. The Henry and Peoria Societies having made an engagement with Rev. W. H. Schliffer, he has preached for those Societies alternately and organized doctrinal classes in each place. There has been some increase of interest and activity at Wilmington. The Rev. L. P. Mercer has made a monthly visit to the Society for the year past, and has baptized and confirmed eight adults and received them into its membership, and Sunday services have been resumed under the leadership of Mr. Charles Luther.

The Rev. Cyrus Scammon, in addition to the pastorate of the La Porte Society, acts as President and Superintendent of the Association.

The Rev. Messrs. Jacob Kimm, J. J. Lehnen, and Stephen Wood, ministers of the Association, are engaged in missionary work most of their time in Iowa.

L. P. MERCER, *Secretary*.

MAINE ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Bangor		5
Bath	S. F. Dike	70
Fryeburg	B. N. Stone	71
Gardiner		6
Portland	Thos. A. King	181

THE work of the Church within the limits of this Association has rather increased in efficiency and extent during the last year.

The Portland Society reports that the pastor, Rev. Thos. A. King, has delivered a course of lectures on the first eleven chapters of Genesis; showing with marvellous clearness the interior and spiritual sense of that portion of the Bible. The congregation, without exception, think that the truths of the New Dispensation have been shown with a distinctness to the perception, such as has not been equalled by any person who has filled the pulpit of the Portland Society.

Amid such entire satisfaction with the pastor, the Society has received his resignation, and, under all the circumstances, felt obliged to accept it. The reason for this step is the severe climate of Maine and the health of Mr. King. It has been severely affected by the climate. The resignation takes effect in October next. This is a matter of great regret, not only to Portland, but to the whole Church in Maine.

The Society in Fryeburg continue active and deeply interested in the work and progress of the Church in their town and vicinity. Three members have been added to the Society. The Sabbath-school has enlisted their sympathies and a strong interest, and the Ladies' Working and Social Circle has continued with more than the usual efficiency and success.

No essential change has taken place in the Bath Society. The Bangor and Gardiner Societies have become so reduced in numbers that there can be little active work there till some revival takes place. The Society in Gardiner has been visited once during the year for the administration of the sacrament and Divine worship.

At the last meeting of the Maine Association, which was quite largely attended and interesting, the sum of four hundred dollars was voted towards the support of a missionary in the State. Rev. Joseph S. David was employed by the friends in Bridgton, North

Waterford and vicinity. With the amount paid by the Association, they hope to be able to give Mr. David a fair support. No step has been taken yet, so far as known, towards the organization of a Society in this section. Mr. David has been doing steady, faithful work during the year, and will doubtless be able to give a favorable report of his work to the next meeting of the Association in Portland.

An efficient missionary and colporteur is needed in this State, in addition to the Mission Station at Bridgton. Books and tracts should be distributed throughout the State, and the doctrines presented in public lectures and private conversations with laymen and clergymen of the Christian Church. We have not at present the means of doing this. Until this is done we can hardly say that we are coming up to the wants of the Church. We must wait, and hope, and pray for the prosperity of the Church of the future.

S. F. DIKE, *President.*

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTER OR LEADER.	NO. MEMBERS.
Wilmington, Del.	Rev. J. B. Parmelee	52
Baltimore, Md. (German)....	Frederick Leist	60
Washington, D. C.	Rev. Jabez Fox	118
Easton, Md.	W. M. McIntosh.....	14
Individual Members		15
Total		259

THE reports to the Association indicate fair progress in the dissemination of the doctrines of the New Church within its bounds.

The Societies at Wilmington and Washington have the services of ministers, and the Baltimore German and Easton have readers.

The Baltimore English Society will again have the services of Rev. Thomas A. King, beginning next October; his health 'not permitting him not to remain in the climate of Portland, he returns to his former field of usefulness.

The temple in Wilmington has received substantial repairs and improvements, and the public interest in New-Church writings and teachings has very gradually but certainly increased in that city.

The Washington Society has reduced its debt to about \$3,000, and is perseveringly engaged in the work of entire extinction of the debt, while the heartiness with which the members of the Society have taken hold of other branches of Church work has made the past year one of real development to the Society.

The Baltimore German Society continues to hold together very well in the absence of a minister, its Sunday-school especially being in an efficient state.

The recently organized Society in Easton is prospering under the faithful leadership of Mr. McIntosh, and the encouragement given by the missionary visits of Rev. J. B. Parmelee. The community manifest considerable interest in the New-Church truths, as is attested by the steady increase in the numbers attending the services, and the proposition of some to build a tabernacle for a series of lectures next fall.

At the meeting of the Association in February last, the By-Laws were so amended in reference to the presentation of Reports, that all are now received through the Executive Committee.

At the same meeting the following resolution was unanimously adopted, which is respectfully referred to the General Convention for appropriate action, namely:—

Resolved, That the Rev. Jabez Fox be presented to the General Convention at its next meeting for investiture with the office of General Pastor of this Association.

A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association is herewith transmitted for the information of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. E. SPAMER, *Secretary*.

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

THIS Association is composed of the following named Societies, having their membership as herein stated : —

SOCIETIES.	PASTOR OR LEADER.	NO. MEMBERS.
Abington	Jacob E. Werren, <i>Pastor</i>	72
Boston	James Reed, <i>Pastor</i>	656
Boston Highlands	Julian K. Smyth, <i>Pastor</i>	136
Bridgewater	Theodore F. Wright, <i>Pastor</i>	112
Brockton	Henry E. Goddard, <i>Pastor</i>	81
Brookline	Willard H. Hinkley, <i>Pastor</i>	54
Contoocook, N. H.		
East Bridgewater	Timothy O. Paine, <i>Pastor</i>	54
Fall River	John Westall, <i>Pastor</i>	26
Foxborough and Mansfield...	George F. Stearns, <i>Minister</i>	20
Gloucester	Robert P. Rogers, <i>Pastor</i>	10
Lancaster	Richard Ward, <i>Pastor</i>	38
Lowell		
Newton ..	John Worcester, <i>Pastor</i>	66
Pawtucket, R. I.	Francis Pratt, <i>Leader</i>	14
Providence, "	Warren Goddard, Jr., <i>Pastor</i>	102
Salem	Duane V. Bowen, <i>Minister</i>	32
Springfield	Gardiner I. Ward, <i>Leader</i>	20
Taunton	A. F. Monroe, <i>Leader</i>	
Waltham	Benjamin Worcester, <i>Leader</i>	34
Yarmouth	William H. Mayhew, <i>Pastor</i>	34

THE Societies having ministers or leaders are all in active life, thirteen of them with pastors who have been regularly installed, two with ministers who have not been installed, three with the services of lay leaders except when visited by the Presiding Minister, and two, those in Contoocook and Lowell, are not in active life, mainly on account of removal of members. In Taunton, services are now regularly maintained, and there are a few small Societies and circles in which services are conducted by theological students.

The membership of the Association, from which its representation is computed, is reckoned as including only the Societies in active operation.

In addition to the ministers named in the above list, several others belong to this Association, namely, Joseph Pettee, Presiding Minister, whose whole time is spent in the performance of his duties, and especially in caring for small Societies and groups of receivers ; Warren Goddard, whose age does not prevent him from

giving valued aid to his son in connection with the Brockton Society; Samuel H. Worcester, who resides at Bridgewater, and is engaged as an editor of the works of Swedenborg; John P. Perry, of New Ipswich, N. H., in infirm health, but contributing frequently to the *Messenger*; Joshua T. Eaton, also an invalid, of Shrewsbury, Mass.; Samuel M. Warren, of Roxbury, Mass., engaged in secular business, but preaching occasionally with much acceptance; Stephen Jepson, minister of the Society at Warwick, R. I., which has not as yet united with us; Charles A. Dunham, whose health prevents his serving a Society; and Horace W. Wright, not at present officiating.

We have to report a year of unusual outward activity which, we trust, does not fail to indicate some inward growth. The Societies have made a gratifying increase of members who are, with us, persons who make public confession of faith. Second services have been held on Sunday in several places with increased attention to indoctrinating our people and the public. The Sunday-school work, now generally under the direct superintendence of the pastors, has prospered. There has been a reduction of indebtedness, in all the cases, we believe, in which any exists. Two new activities have been developed which have been of much benefit to us,—a normal class of Sunday-school teachers conducted by the Rev. John Worcester, assisted by Mr. J. T. Prince, an agent of the State Board of Education, and the Lecture Bureau work.

This latter work was an experiment hopefully undertaken and carried out with much energy by a few gentlemen who had come to desire to see an attempt made to promulgate the doctrines by ways not heretofore fully tried. As is well known, they caused a very cheap edition of the work on Heaven and Hell to be struck off and offered for sale by the trade and news agents. Thirty-four thousand copies were thus disposed of, and it is expected that this is only the beginning of this work. Several ministers were also requested to prepare lectures to be delivered in places near Boston, generally in churches, the use of which was freely granted for the purpose. In this work the Rev. Messrs. Reed, Hinkley, and Smyth were engaged for some four months, receiving assistance from the popular writer and lecturer, Mr. George M. Towle. The results of this Sunday evening work were noticeable in a general interest to learn more, in an increased patronage of the library of the Union, and in larger book-sales, rather than in open profession

of a reception of the new faith. To a large extent the lectures were reported in the daily press, and thus thousands were brought into contact with them for the first time.

As an evidence of the energy which characterized the managers and supporters of this movement, it may be mentioned that some twenty-six hundred dollars over and above all regular contributions to church uses near and far were raised and expended by the Lecture Bureau. The movement, which was carefully and somewhat critically watched, seemed to be open to no objection more serious than that it lessened to some extent the home work of the pastors; but this was made up to their Societies by giving them lectures by other pastors.

Of other missionary work it is unnecessary to speak fully, except to say that the labors of the Presiding Minister were supplemented during the summer by the Rev. Messrs. Mann, Hinkley, and others, and it is now proposed that he should have the regular assistance of the Rev. G. F. Stearns who has removed to Mansfield, and will also have charge of that Society.

The various external uses of the Church performed by our corporate body, the Massachusetts New-Church Union, show a marked increase of activity. Sales of books at its rooms have more than doubled the amount of the previous year, and the use of the library has increased twenty per cent. We have found the establishment of our printing-office a most useful and now quite essential adjunct to other branches of work. The year just closed was the sixteenth in the history of this most successful experiment in organization for Church uses, and in this time we have received and expended \$74,183.86, an average of \$4,636.49 per annum, and hold in trust for these purposes, property valued at \$56,500.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH PETTEE, *General Pastor.*

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

THIS Association is composed of the following Societies:—

SOCIETIES.	MEMBERS.
Detroit Society, Detroit	60
Almont Society, Almont, or town of Berlin.....*	25
Ypsilanti Society	16
Wexford County Society.....	12
Isolated Members Enrolled	25
Total.....	138

The ministers of this Association are the Rev. A. F. Frost, who is the Presiding Minister, and the Rev. J. M. Shepherd, who is the Vice-President of the Association. Since the last meeting of the General Convention the Rev. George Field has been removed by death to the spiritual world; the Rev. George N. Smith has removed to Chicago, Ill.; and the Rev. J. R. Hibbard has removed to Philadelphia, Pa.

The Rev. A. F. Frost is the pastor of the Detroit Society, which manifests every sign of constantly increasing spiritual life. Mr. Frost has also engaged in missionary labor as Presiding Minister of the Association, having visited Jackson, Marshall, Albion, Ypsilanti, Springport, Almont, Belding, and Grand Rapids. The Rev. J. M. Shepherd has also done some missionary labor, and preached for the Detroit Society three Sundays during the absence of Mr. Frost on missionary visits. The Almont and Ypsilanti Societies maintain regular worship although without pastors.

The Rev. J. E. Bowers, the missionary of the Canada Association, has during the past three months made some missionary visits within the bounds of this Association.

Among other methods adopted by the Mission and Tract Board of this Association in connection with its distribution of over fifty dollars worth of books and tracts to more than two hundred persons, it perhaps is worth while to mention this: From an expenditure of twenty-five dollars in advertising in one weekly paper, the work on Heaven and Hell, and the little work by Barrett, "Doctrines of the New Church," there were twenty-nine responses or new readers as a result,—indicating that much use might be accomplished by such methods thoroughly carried out. This Association will meet this year the third Saturday and Sunday in October.

A. F. FROST, *Presiding Minister.*

EUGENE LAIBLE, *Secretary.*

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
St. Paul.....	Rev. E. C. Mitchell.....	29
Minneapolis.....	Dr. W. H. Leonard, <i>Leader</i>	26
Total.....		55

NEW-CHURCH matters in Minnesota are going on in their usual quiet way, and, we hope, usefully. We have nothing of especial interest to report. Public services of the New Church and Sunday-school have been maintained at St. Paul, with the Rev. E. C. Mitchell as pastor, and at Minneapolis with Dr. W. H. Leonard as leader. Mr. O. P. Moore, of Windom, Cottonwood County, continues to hold services occasionally in the country as opportunity is given.

During the past year, the St. Paul Society has received four new members. The pastor has baptized five persons,—four adults and one child. The average attendance has been, at public services, thirty-two; at the Holy Supper, nineteen; at the Sunday-school, twenty-five,—of whom eighteen have been adults, and seven children. The people seem to enjoy their church, and to feel that it is good for them to be there.

The Minneapolis Society has received two new members. The congregations have been very small, but interested. The Rev. E. C. Mitchell has spent two Sunday afternoons in Minneapolis, and, on each occasion, has held service, preached, and administered the Holy Supper. On one of these occasions he baptized two children, and on the other, baptized one adult and received two new members into the Society. The Rev. A. O. Brickman is now making a visit to Minneapolis, of which he will probably make a report to the Convention.

We shall make an effort to hold a meeting of the Minnesota Association next fall. Very few of the isolated receivers take any active interest in the organizations of the Church.

EDWARD C. MITCHELL, *President*.

NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

THE following are the Societies within the New-York Association, with the number of members or communicants last reported :

SOCIETIES.	PASTOR, LEADER, OR MINISTER.	NO. MEMBERS.
New York	S. S. Seward, <i>Pastor</i>	222
Brooklyn.....	J. C. Ager, <i>Pastor</i>	117
Hoboken.....	E. Ferret, <i>Leader</i>	8
Orange	C. H. Mann, <i>Pastor</i>	50
Newark	C. H. Mann, <i>Pastor</i>	23
Mount Vernon.....	O. Dyer, <i>Pastor</i>	22
New York (German)	P. J. Faber, <i>Pastor</i>	40
Mystic	J. A. Lamb, <i>Pastor</i>	38
Paterson	Albert P. Schack, <i>Minister</i>	17
Riverhead	Isaac M. See, <i>Minister</i>	90
Vineland	E. R. Tuller, <i>Pastor</i>	43

In addition to the above named, there are two ordained ministers connected with the Association, the Rev. Sabin Hough, unemployed, and the Rev. B. D. Palmer, employed as missionary. There has been much more than the usual apparent progress in most of the Societies during the past year. All, except the Hoboken Society, have ministerial services. A New-Church chapel has been erected in the German quarter of Brooklyn, where services are held every Sunday in German or English, and a Sunday-school of over forty scholars has been gathered. The Rev. John Eschmann, who has been preaching the doctrines of the New Church to an independent Society of Germans in East New York, the eastern suburb of Brooklyn, has recently passed into the spiritual world. It is uncertain what the Society will do.

The contributions to the Sustaining Fund have been sufficient to meet the salary of the missionary during the year; and Mr. Palmer has been employed for another year. He has visited during the past year twenty-six different towns and cities in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, and called upon three hundred and sixty-five persons interested in or friendly to the New Church; also upon one hundred and sixty-five clergymen of the various denominations. One hundred and forty-five of these accepted the gift books. Only six of these one hundred and sixty-five had previously received all these books, and only thirty-three others any of them, which shows what a small fraction of the clergy are yet supplied.

During the past year the Association has become incorporated,

and its organization modified. The membership is now extended to all within the limits of the Association who are interested in its work, and who choose to have their names enrolled as members, and any seven such, who have contributed to the work of the Association according to its rules, have a right to send a delegate to any meeting. In places where there is not sufficient interest to warrant the organization of Societies, provision has been made for the organization of reading circles. These are expected to report to the Association, and to send delegates to its meetings. It is hoped that by this means the small centres of interest will be more efficiently nurtured and cared for.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. AGER, *Presiding Minister.*

OHIO ASSOCIATION.

THE statistics of the Societies connected with this body are as follows:—

SOCIETIES.	MINISTER OR LEADER.	NO. MEMBERS.
Cincinnati	Rev. John Goddard	246
Cleveland		55
East Rockport		52
Glendale	Rev. P. B. Cabell	25
Indianapolis	“ “ “	25
Monroe County	Rev. A. J. Bartels	67
Newark	W. M. Baldwin, <i>Reader</i>	12
Pomeroy		52
Richmond, Ind.	{ Rev. E. A. Beaman, Frank Pruyn, <i>Reader</i> }	10
Toledo		15
Urbana	Rev. Frank Sewall	43
Total		602

Since our last Report, the Rev. A. F. Frost has removed from Cleveland to Detroit, the Rev. George F. Stearns from East Rockport to Massachusetts, and the Rev. E. I. Kirk from Pomeroy to Kansas, and these three Societies are left temporarily without regular ministerial service. The Rev. Theodore Edson is still engaged in secular business. The Rev. P. B. Cabell was ordained at the last meeting of the Association held at East Rockport, and in addition to his work as professor of languages, at Urbana,

ministers to the Societies at Napoleon, Indianapolis, and Glendale, visiting Indianapolis twice each month, Napoleon and Glendale once each month, and other places occasionally.

The Rev. O. L. Barler, who has been connected with the Urbana University during the past year, has found time to do a considerable missionary work. The Rev. A. J. Bartels, besides his regular service during the greater portion of the year at the different stations in his regular pastorate, has been employed by the Board of Missions for about three months in the field. The Rev. Mr. Stearns was also employed for a while in the autumn in general visitation. The Rev. Mr. Beaman is engaged in the same manner as for so many years. Hon. T. A. Plantz is still an authorized preacher, but on account of ill health has been able to do but little work. The other ministers remain as per last Report.

The work of the General Pastorate goes on quietly—too quietly, perhaps, to give the impression that much is being done. Mr. Cabell's labors in his different fields have been quite satisfactory, resulting, at Napoleon, in the reorganization of the Society, which had long been without regular ministerial visits, and we hope it will soon be added to our list of Societies. At Glendale, several young people were added to the membership at Easter. The General Pastor visits each regular mission station once each year. But we need more means to accomplish the most effective work. The average isolated New-Churchman cannot afford to pay, or, at least, believes that he cannot afford to pay, the full expense of ministerial visits, if made often enough to keep his interest alive. There should be a permanent fund to supply the balance.

A beginning has been made in the public presentation of the doctrines in new places. A course of five lectures by five different ministers was arranged during the winter in the city of Springfield, on week-day evenings. The result indicated a willingness to listen to new doctrines, but not much real interest.

During the year some two thousand copies of the cheap edition of "Heaven and Hell" have been purchased by different parties in the Association, and are rapidly being distributed.

About the same amount of money for mission work has been raised as was raised last year, although it was feared there would be a falling off on account of the failure of the plan to keep the General Pastor employed exclusively in travelling.

Altogether, sixty-one different places were visited during the last

Association year by ministers connected with this body, not all, however, within its bounds, as Mr. Beaman's work is not limited to any locality, and his southern trip during the last Association year swells the number of places visited to a little above the average.

The Urbana University reports an enrollment this year of eighty pupils and students in all departments, thirty being in the college and grammar school, the remainder in the girl's and primary school. Through the generosity of many friends, about six thousand dollars (\$6,000) has been raised during the past year for the improvement of the college buildings, and the purchase of apparatus. A new hall has been built, and is rapidly approaching completion, affording a large room for a museum, a lecture hall, and class rooms. Valuable apparatus has been purchased for the surveying classes, for microscopic biology, and for the classes in physics. The valuable collection of Bibles in various editions, texts, translations, and commentaries, nearly two hundred in number, from the library of the late Col. James, of Urbana, has been purchased by the college. The historical collections have received a valuable addition in the large collection of Pompeiian views and relics, bequeathed to Urbana University by the late esteemed Mrs. Eliza H. Brotherton, of England. The Rev. Philip B. Cabell has resumed his professorship of the classical languages.

The Rev. O. L. Barler has resided in Urbana the past year as Director of the school for girls, but resigns the position at the coming commencement.

The Endowment Fund of the college amounts at present to about sixty thousand dollars, and the total of funds and property to between eighty and ninety thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN GODDARD, *General Pastor.*

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

THE ministers of the General Church of Pennsylvania are, Rev. W. H. Benade, Bishop or General Pastor; Rev. J. R. Hibbard, assistant or coadjutor to the Bishop; Rev. N. C. Burnham, Rev. L. H. Tafel, Rev. W. F. Pendleton, Rev. John Whitehead, pastors; and Rev. E. C. Bostock, Rev. Andrew Czerny, Rev. E. J. E. Schreck, ministers.

SOCIETIES.	PASTOR, LEADER, OR MINISTER.	NO. MEMBERS.
Philadelphia.....	Rev. L. H. Tafel, <i>Pastor</i>	121
Pittsburgh.....	Rev. John Whitehead, <i>Pastor</i>	99
Greenford.....	Rev. Andrew Czerny, <i>Minister</i>	20
Darby.....	Mr. George Burnley, <i>Leader</i>	13
Lancaster.....	Mr. S. S. Rathvon, <i>Leader</i>	16
Utahville and Sanborn.....		30
Erie County.....	Mr. J. C. Rau, <i>Leader</i>	17
Renovo.....	Mr. J. R. Kendig, <i>Leader</i>	8
Isolated members.....		80
Total.....		404

During the year four additions have been made to the ministry of the General Church, namely: the Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D. D., who removed from Detroit to Philadelphia in October last; the Rev. W. F. Pendleton, who resigned his charge as pastor of the congregations of the west and north sides in Chicago, and in March, 1884, removed to Philadelphia to become a professor of theology in the Theological School of the Academy of the New Church; and the Rev. Andrew Czerny and the Rev. E. J. E. Schreck, who were ordained on the tenth of June, 1883, into the first degree of the priesthood, with power to preach the doctrines and to administer the sacrament of baptism.

Mr. W. H. Schliffer, who was ordained at the same time and with the same powers, is no longer in connection with the General Church of Pennsylvania, having been suspended from its ministry for conduct not in accordance with the subordination required in the office of the first degree of the priesthood according to the Order of the General Church of Pennsylvania.

Two small but promising Societies have recently been formed; one in Erie County, called the Bethel Society, and the other at Renovo. Both of these places have long been important missionary stations.

The missionary work of the General Church of Pennsylvania is under the general supervision of the Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D.D., who devotes especial attention, however, to the work in the Eastern district. The Western district is under the immediate supervision of the Rev. John Whitehead, pastor of the Pittsburgh Society.

During the year the Council of the Laity has raised \$827.39; of this amount \$754.35 have been expended for missionary purposes, a sum greatly exceeding that of any other year in the history of the Association.

Since November last, the Rev. Andrew Czerny has been constantly employed in the Western district. Dr. Hibbard has done much important work in the Eastern district, and has also visited a few places in the Western district. The Rev. E. J. E. Schreck has devoted some time to missionary work in the neighborhood of Allentown.

On the twenty-second of February Captain Alfred Matthias, an earnest receiver of the doctrines and a prominent member of the Pittsburgh Society, passed into the spiritual world. He was a member of the Financial Board of the Council of the Laity of the General Church of Pennsylvania, and at one time represented the Pennsylvania Association in the Executive Committee of the General Convention.

EDWARD C. BOSTOCK, }
CHARLES P. STUART, } *Secretaries.*

EDENFIELD, PA., SOCIETY.

WE have had several meetings for worship and some social meetings during the past year, and a small Sabbath-school which meets every Sabbath. There seems to be a desire in our community to hear New-Church truth, and this is a good field for missionary work. Thomas Kent is chosen delegate to the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD PILLING, *Secretary.*

MILWAUKEE, WIS., SOCIETY.

THE First New-Jerusalem Society of Milwaukee still maintains its organization; but lacking a minister or competent leader, it does not increase in numbers or efficiency. It maintains a library where most of the New-Church publications are free to those who desire to read them, and are also for sale or to loan. A social meeting is called four to six times a year, with an attendance of eight to twelve. The more active members of the Society are most of them connected in a social way with other Church Societies, and attend their Sabbath worship. Quite a number of the citizens of Milwaukee are partially acquainted with the doctrines of the New Church, and favorably inclined to them. A minister of good executive ability, who could mostly sustain himself a few months, would doubtless bring together a sufficient number to sustain public worship, and ultimately a strong Society would be formed.

E. R. PERSONS, *President*.

MILWAUKEE, May 15, 1884.

FIRST NEW-JERUSALEM SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

THE First New-Jerusalem Society of San Francisco, in making its Annual Report to the General Convention, can note but little change in its condition. Interest and attendance at Church services have rather increased than diminished. Its morning worship and Sabbath-school have been maintained every Sunday during the year. The pastor has officiated either here or in missionary work every Sabbath but one since the last Convention. He has also within the same time officiated at ten baptisms (five of adults and five of children), eight marriages, and fourteen funerals. Four persons have been received into church membership, and two members have departed this life. Our present membership is one hundred and thirteen.

JOHN DOUGHTY, *Pastor*.

SAVANNAH, GA., SOCIETY.

OUR Society has lost some of its members by removal elsewhere and to the spiritual world since our last Report. We have now on our roll twenty-four. Our meetings have been maintained during the year, except during a longer vacation than usual last summer and early fall. The ladies' weekly meetings have continued with benefit to the attendants.

The Rev. A. O. Brickman arrived here the latter part of December on a missionary visit, being secured by the Board of Missions and the Southern New-Church Missionary Society. He remained three months, and his labors were successful. He preached in the morning and lectured at night. The evening lectures were well attended and quite flattering. We had a number of the best and most intelligent people of the city; a good many became quite interested in the new theology.

There has been an accession of one to our number, and four or five express the desire to join the Society next season. Mr. Brickman spent many evenings visiting some of our clergy and those most interested in the discussion of spiritual subjects. He made new friends this time, and several attendants at the lectures expressed regret at his going. His return next winter would continue the good results achieved. If we can build a house of worship on our lot, there is little doubt that a good congregation would attend. We lack the appearance of establishment, and this is not inviting to outsiders. Some will not give up a home until another is ready for them. We look forward confidently to a building in the future, and until it is secured, we will not let the matter rest.

With the best wishes for your deliberations in the interest of the Church, we remain your faithful adjunct,

The First New-Church Society of Savannah.

E. PARSONS, *President.*

Reports of Ministers.

Report of Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D.D., Ordaining Minister.

SINCE the last Annual Meeting of the Convention I have changed my residence from Michigan to Philadelphia. The hot months of last summer were with my family spent in Colorado, most of the time enjoying the hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler in the mountains west of Denver.

While in Colorado I gave six lectures in Longmont, two at Highland Lake, where I baptized a lady, one in Golden City, and one at Littleton; preached in Denver once, and at Buffalo Creek twice; and in Chicago, on the way back and forth, several times.

In October I arrived with my family in Philadelphia, and by request of the General Pastor or Bishop of the General Church of Pennsylvania, took charge of the mission work in the State, in which I have since then been most of the time engaged. I have baptized fourteen persons, and administered the Holy Supper ten times.

I also give a portion of my time to the service of the fatherless as Director of the "Orphanage" for the care and education of children of New-Church parents who have been left orphans and destitute. This work has been brought to the notice of the Church through the *Messenger*, and I need not enlarge upon it.

J. R. HIBBARD.

Report of Rev. F. W. Tuerk, Ordaining Minister.

IN pursuance of a vote of the Canada Association, I ordained the Rev. Eugene Davidson Daniels, and installed him as pastor of the New-Church Society in Toronto, Ont., Canada, on the third of June, 1883.

Respectfully reported,

F. W. TUERK.

BERLIN, April 25, 1884.

Report of Rev. W. H. Benade, Ordaining Minister.

ON June 10, 1883, I ordained into the first grade of the priesthood of the New Church, Andrew Czerny, Eugene J. E. Schreck, and William H. Schliffer.

On October 17, 1883, I suspended William H. Schliffer from the exercise of the functions of the priesthood, in connection with the General Church of Pennsylvania, for causes assigned, and until the removal of said causes by his own voluntary act.

Since November 13, 1883, the Rev. Dr. Hibbard has had active charge of the mission work of the General Church of Pennsylvania, and it is hoped and expected that he will continue with this church in the discharge of this duty of his office.

Respectfully reported,

WILLIAM H. BENADE.

Bishop of the General Church of Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, May 5, 1884.

Report of Rev. Joseph Pettee, Ordaining Minister.

DURING the last year I have been regularly employed as General Pastor and missionary of the Massachusetts Association.

In accordance with the rule of the Convention, I have authorized the students of the Theological School who have prepared approved discourses to preach them to Societies where their services have been desired.

April 5, in concurrence with the action of the Association, gave authority to preach for one year to Benjamin Worcester, of Waltham.

In the latter part of April last, received from the St. Louis Society, in a communication from its Secretary, Mr. Charles E. Weller, an application for the ordination of Samuel Clarence Eby into the ministry of the New Church. With the unanimous concurrence of our Executive Committee, one of whose duties it is to act with the General Pastor upon applications for ordination, the request was acceded to, and the result was communicated to the St. Louis Society, and to Mr. Eby.

JOSEPH PETTEE.

General Pastor, Massachusetts Association.

Report of Rev. John Goddard, Ordaining Minister.

ON Sunday, September 16, 1883, at East Rockport, O., during the session of the Ohio Association, and with its sanction, I administered the rite of ordination to Philip Barraud Cabell, with

the power to administer the sacraments of baptism and the Holy Supper, and to consecrate marriages, in addition to the other powers which ordinations always confer.

JOHN GODDARD,

General Pastor, Ohio Association.

CINCINNATI, May 1, 1884.

Report of Rev. John H. Ragatz.

I AM still a member of the Illinois Association, and generally either attend the annual meeting or report by letter. My stay here has been considered temporary. The principal cause of my coming was poor health, but, thank the Lord, my health is better now. I have not been able to do much missionary work, but should enjoy nothing better than to spend all my time in proclaiming the heavenly doctrines, and should be glad to attend the meeting of the Convention.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. RAGATZ.

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., May 23, 1884.

Report of Rev. Gerhard Busmann.

I CAME to St. Louis, Mo., in January, 1883, and accepted the pastorate of the First German Church of the New Jerusalem in St. Louis, succeeding Rev. P. J. Faber, who had resigned.

I preached regularly twice every Sunday during the year, and held Bible Class meetings at the residences of New-Church members and friends four times each week. Baptized thirteen—two adults and eleven children; confirmed eleven children; solemnized seven marriages; and preached funeral sermons at eight burials; administered the Lord's Supper three times during the year; last Easter had about one hundred and fifty participants.

Since my arrival here I have been instrumental in bringing twenty-three new members to the Church. The average attendance at services on Sunday mornings is seventy-five persons.

I have been Superintendent of a German New-Church Sunday-school since I came here. The average attendance being one hundred and fifty children (from one hundred and twenty to one

hundred and seventy-five), and from eighteen to twenty-three teachers. When I came here I found the Sunday-school with from thirty-four to sixty-five scholars attending.

I have organized a New-Church Young Men's Association, and have opened a free reading-room, which is open to all every Monday evening. I am glad to say that the reading-room has given several men opportunity to read and study the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, which will doubtless have some good results.

This Society (First German Church of the New Jerusalem in St. Louis), though not directly connected with the Convention, I can report, is in a good condition and prosperous.

Fraternally yours,

GERHARD BUSMANN.

ST. LOUIS, May 5, 1884.

Report of Rev. James E. Mills.

I AM not at present connected with any Association, being a member of the Society at St. Louis, which is not connected with an Association, and at present living in California, where there is no Association.

Since last June I have ministered regularly on the Lord's day to a little gathering of people averaging ten in number, who meet for worship and the study of Swedenborg's teachings. I have also taken part in efforts to present the writings of Swedenborg to all who care to read them in the neighborhood.

On June 24, 1883, I ministered at the marriage of Mr. Samuel Hamilton Day, of this place, and Miss Emma Catherine Howells, of Richmond, Ind.

Respectfully,

JAMES E. MILLS, *Minister.*

QUINCY, PLUMAS CO., CAL.

Report of Rev. John Isaac Herrick.

I RESPECTFULLY report that I am not connected with any Association of the Church except the General Convention, and it is my misfortune to also report that I am not occupied in the duties of a minister. Some years since it appeared to me my duty to fit myself for the practice of medicine, and for many years I have

been occupied in discharging the duties of physician ; and having lived in a community in which there were no New-Church receivers, I have had no opportunity of acting in the name or the interests of the New Church in any but a private capacity.

It was my hope to be able to finally move into a New-Church community, and through the practice of medicine support my family ; and not being dependent upon remuneration for services as minister, be useful where a minister could not be supported by the Church. But so far that great privilege has not been afforded me.

For the past two years my health has been poor and largely disabled me from practice, and has barred out the hope of realizing my earnest wishes, and given me this painful duty of reporting my inefficiency.

I have the hope, although at present but a faint hope, that I yet may have the great pleasure of reporting myself in active duty, for years but increase this desire and show to me more and more clearly the great absence of the light flowing from a reception of the doctrines of the New Christian Church.

JOHN ISAAC HERRICK.

MAUSTON, WIS., May 12, 1884.

Report of Rev. C. Louis Carriere.

THE Second German Congregation of the New Church in St. Louis, of which I am pastor, was organized in the spring of 1879. For want of better accommodations the Society worshipped in a hall until December, 1883, when we moved into our present house of worship, located on the corner of St. Louis and Rauschenbach Avenues, which was built and neatly furnished by the congregation. The Society enjoys peace and harmony, and numbers over one hundred members and parishioners, and has a Sabbath-school, a choir, and Ladies's Society connected with it. We have had Divine worship every Sabbath since our organization.

During the five years of my pastorate in this Society I have baptized one hundred and one, confirmed twenty-nine, solemnized thirty-two marriages and officiated at forty-six funerals.

Respectfully submitted,

C. LOUIS CARRIERE.

St. LOUIS, Mo., May 27, 1884.

Report of Rev. John W. Lever.

I DO not belong to any Association of the New Church now, not having connected myself with any since the "American Congregational Union," which comprised our locality, ceased to meet. Therefore it seems hardly proper for me to regard myself as having any official connection with the Convention either as to its Minutes, Reports, or hold upon its space, time, or attention in any way, except so far as it may see fit or feel disposed.

While I am willing, and prefer for *general* reasons, that my name may be retained upon the roll of ministers in the New Church, I do not care to urge even that retention particularly; my interest in the Church for the past two or three years having been considerably more in a literary way than officially or ecclesiastically; and under the former I have not as yet published anything as I expected to have done before this.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. LEVER.

FRANKFORD, PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 23, 1884.

Report of Rev. Gustave Reiche.

I REPORT herewith respectfully that, since the last meeting of the General Convention, I have regularly visited once a month the German New-Church Society at Wellsville, Mo.; preached for it, and administered the holy sacraments.

A Sunday-school has been organized there last winter, which is in a prosperous and promising condition, and well attended by children of strangers, besides those of our own members.

I baptized five infants during last year.

According to all appearances the Society in Wellsville is now in a better condition than it has been at any other time.

Respectfully submitted,

GUSTAVE REICHE.

BOONVILLE, MO., May 28, 1884.

Report of Rev. F. H. Hemperley.

IN reply to the circular letter referring to roll of ministers of the Convention, I would say that as I am at present, and shall prob-

ably be for some time to come, engaged in secular pursuits, I deem it best to respectfully request that the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs omit my name from the Convention's roll of ministers.

Very respectfully,

F. H. HEMPERLEY.

Report of Rev. Berry Edmiston.

I HAVE little in the way of ministerial work to report. Being so confined with my secular work I have been unable to respond to the few calls from other parts of the State which have come to me to perform ministerial duties. There are four families of New-Church people,—in all ten adult persons in this vicinity,—and we have held services at a private house much of the time for two years past when our people are all at home. There are usually in attendance from twelve to twenty persons.

I have officiated at three funerals, and preached a few times to outside congregations. But there seems to be little opening for New-Church work in the community at present. The Old-Church influence is very strong, the people generally seeming satisfied, or at least indifferent.

Yours in the faith of the New Jerusalem,

B. EDMISTON.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., April 29, 1884.

Report of Rev. Adams Peabody.

AT the close of my last annual Report I expressed the desire to continue to devote my whole time to the missionary work; but subsequent experience has shown to me that for a time, at least, I must cease to travel. I continued my labors until the middle of December, 1883, since which I have done no regular missionary work.

In the seven months from the date of last Report I preached in nineteen different places and delivered forty-eight discourses. In all I administered the rite of baptism to twenty persons—fourteen children and six adults—and officiated in the celebration of the Lord's Supper three times. My smallest attendance was six, my largest, two hundred and fifty, and the average was sixty-two.

By request of the Board of Missions I made a missionary visit to the Cold-Spring New-Church Society, in Sharpe County, Ark., near the north line of the State, and from there I went to Hamburg, Ashley County, near the southeast corner of the State.

After spending eight days at Eureka Springs, Ark., and there packing up for the trip, I started on November 1st for the Cold Spring settlement, going by railroad to Williford on the Springfield and Memphis Railroad, and thence, after two days' delay, by hack to Polk Bayou, Sharpe County. I spent two weeks in that neighborhood, and preached nine discourses to audiences numbering eighteen to one hundred, and averaging thirty-four. On Sunday, November 11, I administered the rite of baptism to seventeen persons—six adults, including Dr. McSlarrow, the leader of the Cold-Spring Society, and eleven children. Some other adults who had been enrolled as members seemed not to be ready for baptism, although their sympathies were with the Society.

Cold Spring is near the junction of Sharpe, Izard, and Independence Counties, and the Society has members in each of them. The surrounding country is exceedingly broken and rocky, and there is very little wealth there. The members are respected, and are exercising a wholesome influence in their respective neighborhoods. I found considerable open-mindedness in my audiences. About four hundred tracts were taken, and two dollars' worth of small books were sold. Six dollars in money was contributed, and my hack hire from Williford, thirty-three miles, and to Batesville, over twenty miles, was paid—all I could reasonably expect from them. The fact that the Society can but seldom be visited by a missionary, and that Dr. McSlarrow is the unanimous choice of the receivers there as their leader, and that he is generally respected where known, makes it desirable that he should be enabled, under the sanction of the general body of the Church, to administer its rites. The Society desired that he should be ordained as their minister, and in that respect were disappointed.

On November 19, I left Polk Bayou for Hamburg, Ashley County, and reached there on the afternoon of the 21st, going the last thirty-two miles by hack. I found the community eager to hear a Swedenborgian minister; but sickness prevented me from doing anything until Sunday, 25th. There are three church edifices in the place, either of which could have been had. The Presbyterian was used the first week, and in that I preached seven

discourses. On the next Sunday I delivered two discourses in the M. E. Church. My smallest audience of the nine was eighty, the largest, two hundred and fifty, and the average over one hundred and twenty-six. On the last day, December 2, I baptized the little daughter of J. W. and Mary B. Harris, and the Lord's Supper was celebrated, about twenty persons, mostly of other denominations, participating. About four hundred tracts were taken there, and small books to the amount of three dollars and sixty cents were sold. Contributions received, forty-two dollars and fifty cents, all from four persons.

Rev. J. W. Harris, upon whose suggestion I was sent, and whose house was my home there, is intelligent, earnest, and exemplary, and his influence is felt over quite a scope of country. There will be other candidates for baptism in the near future.

As I do not expect to travel as a missionary in the coming year, expecting, perhaps, to attend the annual meeting of the Parsons Missionary Union, I suppose I cannot claim money from the Board of Missions unless some special duty is assigned to me, and it is now uncertain whether I shall be able to travel. But I have a reading-room near my house which I desire to keep open to the public, and shall do so if I can, as a missionary, be supplied with tracts, papers, and cheap publications, as heretofore, and also to keep for sale such other New-Church books as I find salable, and can command the means to purchase. I desire also to establish a Public New-Church Library, with other books added, and thus make this health-resort a focal point whence may radiate the light of the New Jerusalem. At present I have many tracts and papers which I distribute as opportunity offers. I shall hold public services here as soon as I can seat a room, the use of which is offered to me.

In regard to the Missouri Association I can only say that no effort has been made to call a meeting of its members, and probably it will never meet again. It has now neither President nor Secretary, and, of course, my name will be omitted from the Board of Missions.

At the annual meeting of the Parsons Missionary Union, held October 13 and 14, 1883, Rev. A. N. Odell, whom I met in Eureka Springs last June, in response to my invitation, was present, and being reasonably encouraged to do so, undertook to preach in six different places in Labette County for a year. His labors have

been interrupted, first for a month by impassable roads, and since continuously by illness. In all he has delivered twenty-six discourses. His services seem to have been very acceptable. Whether his health will permit him to resume his work is uncertain. Thus far his expenses have exceeded his receipts by about seventy dollars. If able to labor continuously, I think he might be assisted by the Board of Missions and furnished with reading matter for distribution and sale, with assurances that his services will be effective of much good. In a letter dated May 6, he says, "I feel determined to preach the New-Church doctrines as long as I can stand on my feet." He ought in some way to receive official recognition by the general body of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAMS PEABODY.

Report of Rev. W. M. Goodner.

SINCE the last meeting of the General Convention I have continued to preach at the Riverside appointment two sermons on one Sunday in every four; have celebrated three marriages, administered baptism to three children, attended three funerals, and taken into the Church two members.

Have preached a few sermons at various other places in this State, distributed five hundred tracts, and called on a number of New-Church families along the line of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fé Railroad.

The Riverside congregation is much encouraged, and expect to continue to provide for my visits as usual to close of the year 1884.

I am now at liberty and disposed to devote all my time and energies to church work in Kansas, if sufficient means are provided.

I am yours affectionately,

W. M. GOODNER.

LARNED, KAN., May 20, 1884. (Box 353).

Report of Rev. Richard de Charms.

SINCE the last report made by the Denver Society, which I believe was for the year 1881, I have conducted regularly services of public worship on Sabbath morning, with the exception of a sum-

mer vacation of about two months. A doctrinal class immediately after the morning service has been maintained, and a Sunday-school held in the afternoon. The Holy Supper has been administered three times a year. I have officiated at two marriages, and attended three funerals. Have baptized twenty-one persons,—thirteen children, two young persons, and six adults. I also confirmed one person.

Respectfully,

RICHARD DE CHARMS,

Pastor Denver Society of the New Jerusalem.

DENVER, COL., April 23, 1884.

Report of Rev. H. C. Dunham.

I AM in the regular employ of the Topeka Society, which still continues to grow in strength and usefulness.

Since the last meeting of the Convention I have administered the sacrament of baptism to seven persons,—five adults and two children,—have administered the rite of confirmation to five, and officiated at four weddings.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. DUNHAM.

TOPEKA, KAN., May 22, 1883.

Special Reports.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE "IUNGERICH FUND."

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem,
in the United States of America :—*

THE undersigned Trustees, appointed by the late Louis C. Iungerich, present this their tenth Report to your body.

In last year's Report the balance in the hands of the Trustees was stated to be \$33,322.81, of which \$25,000 was invested on first mortgage at five per cent. It was then stated that the Trustees were looking for a suitable investment for the larger part of the balance in their hands, and they have since invested \$8,000 at seven per cent. on first mortgage; making the total amount invested for the uses of this Trust \$33,000.

The following account shows the present condition of the fund :—

Balance reported in hands of Trustees in 1883.....	\$33,322.81	
Add one year's interest on Mortgage of \$25,000.....	1,250.00	
“ six months' interest on Mortgage of \$8,000.....	280.00	
“ interest on Bank Balance to date	28.83	
		\$34,881.64
The disbursements have been :—		
Paid recording Deed of Trust and cost of Chk. Bk.....	\$6.00	
“ J. B. Lippincott & Co. for manufacturing books....	1,324.00	
		\$1330.00
Leaving a balance in hands of Trustees of.....		\$33,551.64

During the latter part of the present year some impetus has been given to the work by the circulation of the pamphlet by Dr. John Ellis, of New York, on the Deterioration of the Puritan Stock. In the pamphlet he has again called the attention of the Protestant clergy of America to the terms of Mr. Iungerich's offer, and this has increased the demand for the year, and, from appearances, will have considerable more effect during the coming year. There have been distributed during the past year of "The True Christian Religion" about thirteen hundred copies, and of the "Apocalypse Revealed," fourteen hundred copies. As a result also of an announcement made in Dr. Ellis's book, some applications have

been made for the books by members of the Catholic and Jewish clergy. The same encouraging sign before reported, namely, of applicants asking for the books because recommended so to do by their brother clergymen, still continues and in an increased degree; one of the Trustees having upon delivery received three of such applications.

Extracts from a few letters just received will give a better idea of the nature of those received than anything the Trustees can say, and they therefore give the following: "Having thoroughly read the 'Life' and the 'True Christian Religion' of Emanuel Swedenborg, I am now craving to study the 'Apocalypse Revealed' and 'Heaven and its Wonders and Hell.'" "Through the kindness of Rev. ——— I have been permitted to read portions of the work entitled the 'True Christian Religion,' the 'Apocalypse Revealed,' and several tracts, and have become very much interested," etc., etc.

The following is from a student: "Our professors in the Seminary advise us to read the life and works of Emanuel Swedenborg," and therefore makes application for himself and a fellow-student.

Both of the following are from Catholic clergy: "Making use of the offer set forth in the pamphlet, 'Deterioration of the Puritan Stock,' contained in page 43, I send you here the amount of one dollar, wishing to get for it the 'True Christian Religion,' the 'Apocalypse Revealed,' and 'Heaven and its Wonders and Hell,' 'Doctrines of the New Church Explained.' There is no necessity of sending back any surplus amount."

"To whomsoever sending it I acknowledge gratefully the receipt of a little pamphlet, 'Deterioration of the Puritan Stock,' by John Ellis, M.D. It contains most useful truth (though I could not approve of all points) and is apt to do much good, especially in regard to the besetting moral evils of modern society. Now I wish you to let me know by a few words if you will send me the three advertised books of Emanuel Swedenborg for the postage. I am not exactly a clergy of the so-called Protestant denominations, but I protest with all truth loving men against all falsehood, and seek truth wherever to be found. And it seems from a remark in the pamphlet that the author agrees to send said books now also to Catholic clergy. And again it seems to me that, viewed from your standpoint, these books would be more necessary for Catholics to read than for Protestants. But since my Superior would not agree

to buy them for me, as not regarded necessary from our standpoint, and I having only to dispose over a few cents could not buy them, you would oblige me very much if you agree to let me have them. If so, I shall send you the required postage upon return of your answer."

The following extracts are from a letter of a Mormon elder: "On seeing some of Emanuel Swedenborg's writings, I became very desirous of reading and investigating the principles he advocates. I am an elder, a minister of the Gospel, and feel to do as the great Apostle Paul says, 'Prove all things, and hold fast that which is good.' . . . I have seen three books that I wish. First, 'Life of Swedenborg'; second, 'Heaven and its Wonders and Hell, from things heard and seen'; third, the 'True Christian Religion.' I am here promulgating the Gospel as taught by the Latter Day Saints. . . . It would be a great accommodation to me if you will please forward the books to ——"

The following from an Episcopal minister is, perhaps, the most remarkable of all. We are growing accustomed to clergymen expressing the most profound interest in the writings on their own account, but we do not every day find men so anxious to aid in the work of spreading the truth: "Thanks for the 'True Christian Religion.' Please find enclosed one dollar for postage on the 'Apocalypse Revealed.' If the 'Life of Swedenborg' is sent as the others, then for postage also on that. If not, then the balance in six copies of Rev. Chauncey Giles's 'Who was Jesus Christ?' and six copies of Agers's 'What is Swedenborgism?' Also copies of No. 16 of Giles's sermons. I could distribute a large number of tracts and doctrinal discourses among my clerical and lay friends, and teachers who are very much interested in these questions. I particularly desire some copies of No. sixteen of doctrinal discourses."

As intimated above, the indications are that there is going to be a more active demand for the books during the coming year; but the Trustees expect to be able to meet it without intrenching further upon the Principal of the trust funds committed to them.

The total number of copies of the different books distributed to date are :—

Of the "True Christian Religion"	24,300
" "Apocalypse Revealed"	17,500
The American New-Church Tract and Publication Society has distributed of "Heaven and Hell"	22,500
Of the "Life of Swedenborg"	8,000

Making a grand total of 72,300

An increase of 5,300 copies during the last year.

In conclusion, the Trustees have again to acknowledge their indebtedness to the Trustees of the Rotch Fund for the use of the plates of their editions of the "True Christian Religion" and "Apocalypse Revealed," from which all the gift-books have been printed for many years; and again sincerely thank them for the use they have rendered the subscribers of the Church at large.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JULIEN SHOEMAKER,	} Trustees.
EDWARD C. IUNGERICH,	
HENRY IUNGERICH,	
WILLIAM MCGEORGE, JR.,	

May 29. 1884.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

THE Committee on the Revision of the Constitution begs leave to report progress. Owing to the difficulty of securing a full attendance of the Committee, no meeting was called until the 27th inst., when it was expected that most of the members could be present.

The Committee has felt, as the work proceeds, that its report should be, when made, substantially unanimous in order to meet the wishes of Convention, and secure the freedom of its Associations and members; and it is still unwilling to abandon the hope that such a report may be reached.

The Committee has appointed a Sub-Committee of five, which will, if it be the pleasure of Convention to continue this Committee, attempt to prepare a draft of a Constitution sufficiently general and comprehensive to include all differences of opinion, and under which all can work harmoniously; and there seems to be ground

for hope that such a result may be reached in time for this Committee to confer and present their final Report to the next Convention.

J. R. HIBBARD,
JOHN WORCESTER,
FRANCIS A. DEWSON,
L. P. MERCER,
JOHN GODDARD,
WILLIAM B. HAYDEN,
ALBERT MASON,
JABEZ FOX,
WILLIAM MCGEORGE, JR.,
J. C. AGER.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN
NEW-CHURCH SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

THIS Association held its regular annual session on Wednesday, May 28, at 10 o'clock A.M., in the Sunday-school room of the Philadelphia Society, the attendance being somewhat less than usual on account of other assignments for meetings of Committees, Boards, etc., which have not heretofore been held at the same time with the meetings of this Association. It would seem proper, therefore, to call attention to this oversight on the part of those charged with the duty of appointing meetings, inasmuch as this is the only opportunity afforded for general conference upon the important matters which form the work of the Association.

The attention of the meeting was concentrated upon the Report of the Standing Committee on the preparation of "Manuals of Religious Instruction"; which Committee presented in published form the following books:—

Doctrinal Series, Part I., consisting of the shorter Catechism for the use of young children, and a Catechism more full and complete for older classes.

Doctrinal Series, Part II., consisting of questions upon the faith of the New Church, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer, for the use of confirmation and advanced classes.

Bible Series, No. III., entitled "Our Heavenly Father's Book. A compilation of truths and facts about the Bible," prepared by Rev. W. B. Hayden.

These manuals have been published by the New-Church Board of Publication, and are offered to the Church with the recommendation of the Sabbath-school Association.

We respectfully request that the Convention appoint a suitable time during its session for taking up a collection for the defrayal of the expenses of the Association.

REPORT OF THE GERMAN MISSIONARY UNION OF THE
NEW CHURCH IN AMERICA.

THE sales of books during the past year amounted to \$757.09. The purchase mentioned in our last Report to the Convention has been made, and the Union now owns a stock of books, the nominal valuation of which is \$5,766.35, but the actual value of which is much higher. Besides this, the Union owns about 30,000 pamphlets and tracts.

During the past year the Union published a second edition of its Sunday-school song-book, and also placed in the market the hymnal taken from the "German Liturgy" published by this body a few years ago. During the past year German ministers in this country have been aided with money and books to the amount of \$137.25.

At the last Annual Meeting of the Union, held in Philadelphia on May 8th of this year, the most important business transacted was the alteration of the Constitution and the passage of several By-Laws. The Rev. F. W. Tuerk, of Berlin, Canada, is the President. Dr. F. E. Boericke, of Philadelphia, who, since the organization of the Union in 1872 has acted as Vice-President, declined re-nomination on the grounds that the office of Vice-President in the Union was a purely ecclesiastical office which is covered by the provisions of the law concerning ecclesiastical affairs as recorded in the doctrines of the New Jerusalem, and should therefore be filled by a priest. Although the members present warmly testified their appreciation of the great value Dr. Boericke's services had been in the past, and the devotion with which he had given them, they respected his wish, and the nomination was withdrawn. The Rev. L. H. Tafel was elected in his place.

The Union continues to receive the support of German New-Churchmen and Societies in this country and Canada, and, with

the price of the writings reduced to that at which they are sold in Germany, looks forward, under Providence, to increased usefulness in establishing the New Church among the German brethren.

Respectfully submitted for the Union.

EUGENE J. E. SCHRECK, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA, May 29, 1884.

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN NEW-CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ON the occasion of your annual assemblage, we take pleasure in addressing you on the subject of missionary work South. In this we are encouraged at the reception our last communication met with at the hands of your esteemed body. Practical results came from the coöperation, and the cordiality which marked the intercourse between your Board of Missions and this Society has been gratifying. Correspondence has been had, which resulted in your Board undertaking missionary work in Arkansas,—the first time, we believe, that State has been so served, and the first time her New-Church people ever saw a minister of their own Church.

Through the combined efforts of Rev. Joseph Pettee, Chairman, and this Society, Mr. Brickman came to Savannah and did a good work with, we believe, permanent effects. Success attended his labors to a greater extent than achieved by any of his previous visits to this place. A good many of our prominent people became deeply interested. The Savannah Society, whose condition has been improved by this visit, makes a report of it, to which reference is here made.

It was thought that a good opportunity presented itself for New-Church operations in New Orleans, but it has been thought best to defer work in that direction until next season.

This Society has sent out many tracts over the South during the year, and books also to a limited extent. We believe that this work is preparing the way. Correspondence is carried on over the South, and we believe that our organized effort is progressive, and worthy of being sustained.

We trust that you will continue to extend the friendly hand of help, and that we may be able to make greater efforts.

With feelings of affectionate brotherhood,

THE SOUTHERN NEW-CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

E. O. HINKLEY, *President.*

E. PARSONS,

Chairman of the Board of Directors.

T. S. HEYWARD,

Secretary and Treasurer.

SAVANNAH, GA., May 15, 1884.

Addresses.

ADDRESS OF THE NEW-CHURCH CONFERENCE OF GREAT BRITAIN
TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM
IN THE UNITED STATES, 1884.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN.—Though your Address to us last year was a very welcome one, consisting of the presence of your esteemed President among us, yet we should regret the cessation of the written epistle on each side, and do not intend it should cease from oversight on ours.

I consider it a privilege, myself, to forward our fraternal greeting, especially on the opening of the second century of the new and infantine Dispensation. Arising, like all good things, from a germ, a residue who received the truth in love, hitherto the Lord hath helped us. We have been enabled largely to spread the knowledge of the truth which can make men free.

Among the English speaking people, in France, in Germany,—everywhere,—the works of Swedenborg and collateral works in elucidation have been circulated, and everywhere good souls have been found who have heard the Divine call, “Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee.”

And when we meditate on the gross darkness which had overspread the earth; the selfishness and wickedness embedded in the established forms of religion; the stupid prejudices and narrow self-complacency of one portion of professing Christians; the heedless, evil lives of another and larger class; and the widespread unbelief in swarming multitudes on every side, we may well be grateful that so much progress has been accomplished.

Old errors are gradually decaying on every side; those who seek a spiritually rational faith know where it is to be found and have embraced it, some partially, some completely. Thousands who were unbelievers, now see the Lord our Saviour is the Light, and they follow him; they know the Lord is Love Itself, and now they live in him.

They who love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil, both professors and non-professors, will not heed and will not believe; and with these we must have patience, as our Heavenly Father is Divinely patient.

Our great duty and aim in this second century of the New Age, should be to cultivate the affection and the life of religion, seeking in pious dependence on the Lord to let our "Light so shine before men that they may glorify our Father in the heavens."

What pernicious customs and habits of luxury! What disorderly tampering with the laws of health! What infractions of truth, justice, and uprightness in trade and commercial life, still infest society. All these we should shun as the pests of the soul, and that the Lord's will may at length be done on earth as it is done in heaven. The doctrines of love, so long ignored in the world, but now restored to mankind, should now be especially our care and our practice, so that it should be visible to all men wherever the New Jerusalem is known, that the people of this Church do really believe in loving the Lord their God with all their hearts, their minds, and strength, because they show it by keeping sincerely his commandments, and they really believe in loving their neighbors as themselves, because in every office, employment, and transaction, they act according to justice, and do to others all the good they can.

To sustain this exalted standard, the members of the New Church must be diligent and steady in their piety, constant in hearing and reading the truth, and deriving help faithfully in the reception of the sacrament of the Holy Supper. We have a great work to do in subduing our interior enemies, and becoming likenesses of our Lord; but this is our proper work, and of priceless value. Let us, dear brethren, encourage each other in this gracious work, and thus make clearly manifest that the New Jerusalem has indeed descended from God out of heaven, for the nations of them that are saved are walking in the light of the Holy City.

In the name and with the affectionate greetings of the entire Conference of Great Britain, I am, dear brethren,

Yours affectionately and truly,

J. BAYLEY,

President of the N. C. Conference.

Countersigned, E. WHITEHEAD, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE NEW-CHURCH
CONFERENCE OF GREAT BRITAIN, 1884.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN.—We cordially reciprocate the desire expressed in your Address by the hand of your President and our esteemed brother, Dr. Bayley, that there should be no interruption to the annual interchange of fraternal messages between the general bodies of the New Church in England and America. We believe them to be mutually useful.

There are many interests in the industrial affairs of nations that may seem to conflict, and many natural and local influences which tend to separate them. For this reason it is of great importance that the spiritual bonds should be preserved, and strengthened by all legitimate means. An official expression of fraternal regard, and of interest in our common work, is doubtless one of the most important of these means. It renews and extends acquaintance, it excites interest in our common work, awakens sympathy, and in many ways gives mutual help. Our doctrines teach us that the strength and intelligence of the angels are increased by the extension of their thoughts and affections into other societies. The same principle must apply to our relations to others in this world. We have no strength of our own. We are all dependent upon one another, and through one another upon the Lord. The greater the number of societies with which we are connected, and the more open, free, and constant our interchange of thought and affection, the more spiritual power and life we shall give and receive.

We learn also that uniformity of opinion and method is not unity. The greater the varieties of form in which the Divine life reaches us through others, if they are harmonious, the more complete will be the unity, and the richer the life. We trust, therefore, that our interchange of thought and affection may not only con-

tinue, but increase in frankness and fulness. We have the strong bonds of natural, as well as of spiritual brotherhood; we have the common purpose of learning, and teaching, and living Divine truths which we know to be spiritual and Divine laws, and which are to regenerate humanity. We have one Father and one Lord, and however various our natural paths of life may be, we are travelling to one home. We have many difficulties to meet, many obstacles to overcome. We need the cheering word and helping hand of all.

This law of mutual service is strikingly illustrated in the planting and growth of the New Church in this country. A few days will complete the first century of its existence on the Western Continent. On June 5, 1784, James Glen, one of the few men who were the first to unite for instruction in the doctrines of the New Church, and their public propagation in England and in the world, delivered the first public discourse upon them in this country. It was indeed a voice in the wilderness, with very little promise of favorable or permanent results. But he gained the ear of one or two men who were thirsting for genuine truth. No practical results might have followed, however, if books had not arrived after the departure of Mr. Glen, which deepened the impression made by his lectures, and supplied the means of fuller knowledge.

In this way we are indebted to you for planting "the mustard seed" which has now become a great tree with branches spreading over a continent, in which many birds of spiritual form and plumage lodge and fill the air with beauty and song. This beginning of a noble work you have continued to perform with unremitting fidelity. Hindmarsh, and Clowes, and Noble were our first teachers. When they passed on to continue their work in a higher sphere, Bruce, and Bayley, and Clissold, and many others, took their places. These names are all familiar to our thought, and fill a large and warm place in our hearts. We have entered and are daily entering more fully into their labors. We owe them and all others, who, by translating and publishing the writings of Swedenborg, have brought them within our reach, a debt of gratitude which we can never fully repay. We can only express our appreciation of the service they have rendered us by imitating their example and continuing the work which they so ably and wisely began. They are common objects of gratitude and affection on both sides of the Atlantic, and a common bond of union which

will grow stronger as the years roll by and the numbers are increased who know and love the Divine truths which bind the heavens and the earth together.

Standing as we do upon the threshold of a new century, we can see much to encourage us in our work whichever way we turn. If we look back we see how from small beginnings with no organization or remarkable intellectual culture, with little wealth, and with the immense obstacles of ignorance and prejudice, and vast religious organizations to overcome, the truths of the New Church have steadily gained ground and penetrated the mind and heart of the world. The new kingdom has not come with much "outward show." It is a remarkable fact that the new doctrines should have been taught so long and published so widely in forms accessible to all without attracting more attention. The reason doubtless is that they are so remote from common thought; that the step from the old to the new age is so distinct and so large that the truths which constitute it are invisible to those whose thoughts and affections have been wholly formed by, and limited to the past generation.

But the evidence is varied and abundant that they are gaining ground. The spiritual forces of which the doctrines are the form and expression, are manifesting their presence and power in every phase of human life. The presence of some unusual influence is generally recognized, "but whence it cometh or whither it goeth" is unknown save by the few whose eyes have been opened to the new light. Many of the most intelligent minds in science, literature, art, and religion, are helping us in our work though they know it not. The heavens are growing stronger and drawing nearer to the earth, and a more powerful influx of life from the Lord is operating upon the minds of all men, and flowing into those who are open to receive it. The number who are influenced by these new truths is constantly increasing, and much more rapidly than many suppose. It is true that we cannot say "Lo, here, or lo, there," to great bodies that openly acknowledge the doctrines of the new age; and we are warned by our Lord not to do it, because the new "kingdom is within us."

We fully agree with you that "our great duty and aim in this second century of the New Age should be to cultivate the affections and the life of religion." In the love of the Lord and the neighbor lie our strength and our unity. May that love grow

deeper and purer until we shall look for the good in each other in whatever special forms it may express itself, until it shall be stronger than any natural ties, and bind together into one living body all the members of the Church on the earth, and the whole Church to the Lord. May we stand together, and walk together, and work together, and by mutual encouragement and service, help one another in doing the work which the Lord has committed to our hands.

Brethren, we greet you in the morning of the second century of the New Church in the world. The morning is auspicious. The natural means of spreading the new truths have greatly increased, and the obstacles to their reception have been diminished. In some respects we may have a clearer conception of the true character and mission of the New Church. But our conceptions are yet, without doubt, very inadequate and imperfect. We shall gain clearer knowledge in doing our work. What the New Church will be at the close of its second century will be determined in some degree by the wisdom, the energy, and the fidelity with which we do our work to-day. That we may be moved to increased activity by heavenly affection, and guided by a wisdom higher than our own, is the sincere prayer of your friends and brethren of the New Jerusalem in America.

In behalf of the General Convention of the New Church in America; with profound respect and affection, I remain,

Your friend and brother,

CHAUNCEY GILES,

President of the General Convention.

FROM THE AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE TO THE GENERAL
CONVENTION IN AMERICA, 1884.

BELOVED BRETHREN.—The Second General Conference of the Societies of the New Church in Australia, held in Sydney in June, 1883, directed me to address you on their behalf, and in doing so, I desire, in their name, to greet you with much respect and affection, earnestly wishing for all the Societies of the New Jerusalem in America, peace and spiritual welfare; with a large increase of that love, wisdom, and power which are given to those who are conjoined with our Lord Jesus Christ.

With you, brethren, we desire to maintain communion at suitable times ; to exchange thoughts on subjects of common interest to the members of the New Church ; and, as far as we are able, to share in bearing the burden and taking the yoke, which are the proper portion of those who come to the Lord,—the yoke which is always easy because it is love, and is borne in love ; and the burden which is always really light because it is one of truth.

In this address it is scarcely necessary for me to enter into any details respecting the work of the Societies in these colonies, as particulars have already been sufficiently supplied to you in the Report contained on page 27 of the Minutes of our Conference, one hundred copies of which have been forwarded to the Convention. In those Minutes the proposals, aims, and present methods of the Australasian Conference will also be plainly seen.

I am not sure, however, that from the reading of them a too favorable view might not be taken of our condition and prospects. Undoubtedly we have just reason for rejoicing that, during the last few years, the Church in Australia has increased as a whole, and we have happily been brought more closely together as fellow-workers and servants of the Lord. We know each other better, and are sensibly nearer to each other ; but we are more deeply conscious of our own weakness and deficiency. As yet the Church in this continent seems scarcely to have taken its first steps towards active life and usefulness. Its members feel the lack of those greater numbers, that maturer wisdom, and the stronger institutions which distinguish the New Jerusalem in Britain and America.

It is probable that the national character of Australia will, at a future time, closely resemble that of America. It is already essentially democratic and free. In spirit and life it is independent and progressive. In resources it is a land of vast and undeveloped wealth, though in this respect, inferior to your magnificent country. Much of it still lies, waiting in solitary affluence the hand of industry and the benevolent heart. But for the present the population is scanty, shifting, unsettled, and marked by an interest in material and temporal affairs which is well nigh all-absorbing. The people are, however, not without a great amount of religious life, and are oftentimes casting it into new forms and moulds.

One of the great problems of the Societies of the New Church in Australia will be how to meet and arrest the interest and attention of those, everywhere to be found, whose love of genuine

goodness has made them thirst for purer truths. The scepticism of such persons is not a result arising from the love of scepticism itself. They are not of the seed of the serpent, nor do they believe the atheistical doctrines that are poured into their ears by the popular lecturers who visit them with seductive harangues. Among the sceptical here there are many who do *not* "hate Church," but are, on the contrary, Church-lovers, who have in vain asked for bread, receiving only a stone. When the Lord said "Feed my sheep," he undoubtedly referred to these as well as to those within the fold of the Church; and if the Shepherd rejoiced more over the sheep that He found in the mountains than over the ninety and nine that went not astray, will He not rejoice greatly over those whose stronger love of good has impelled them to separate from states and associations in which that love could never be fed nor satisfied.

Brethren, the Societies of the New Jerusalem in Australia have been feeling the force of this truth, and some feeble attempts have been made, both by means of the Press and by the living voices of several earnest workers, to perform this much-needed service. Some of the tracts of your worthy President have also been helpful to us. But our efforts have been altogether inadequate. As yet we have neither the resources nor the men necessary for carrying on these works. There is great good to be done, but there are not the means of doing it. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." And yet, in the vast and abundant truths that are now afforded us by the Lord at his Second Advent, we have innumerable laborers waiting to be hired and employed; and it seems to me that in spiritual things we ought to inquire whether the love of the world or self, still holding sway, does not entail slothfulness upon our Societies, and a lack of that holy ardor which moved the Lord when he said, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up."

In Sydney an earnest effort was made by the Conference to inspire the Societies with a stronger missionary and self-denying spirit. One of the proposals was to obtain from England a missionary to travel in the colonies, and to engage himself wholly in missionary work. The Committee who kindly undertook to further this movement, have found it impracticable for the present, and it is held in abeyance.

There is one other subject that, with your permission, I desire

to bring under the attention of our friends in America. For the use and welfare of the Church in Australia in future years, and especially on account of our great distance from Europe, it seemed most desirable to us that at an early period in the New Dispensation we should use what means we could to obtain for this part of the world, at least one adequate and *full* collection of New-Church books, of various editions, by Swedenborg and collateral writers. The Conference at Sydney, in which all the Societies of the New Jerusalem in Australia were well represented, thought that it would not be improper, in accomplishing this important work, to invite the friendly assistance of their brethren both in England and America. They believed that on both sides of the Atlantic there are private persons as well as Societies who would give them valuable aid, by placing at their disposal works which have been read by their present owners, and have thus fulfilled their first use, but which would be of great historical value, as time goes on, in a country where many of the early writings of the Church are, unfortunately, scarcely known. An appeal was therefore prepared with this object in view, and it will, I trust, before the receipt of this address have appeared in the pages of the *Messenger*.

May the Lord be in your midst and bless your endeavors to your advancement in the regenerate life, and to the spread of his kingdom and righteousness throughout the whole world.

I am, dear brethren, on behalf of the Australasian Conference,
Yours affectionately and truly,

J. J. THORNTON.

Countersigned:

E. G. DAY, *President*.

F. W. BOTTING, *Secretary*.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, Jan. 17, 1884.

Communications.

FROM REV. F. GOERWITZ.

To the General Convention:—

DEAR BRETHREN.—Nearly five years have passed since I left the United States, where twenty-five years ago I was introduced into the Heavenly Doctrines, and where I entered the ministry of the New Church.

At the last session of the Convention which I attended (1879, at New York) you entrusted me with messages to the New-Church Unions of Germany and Switzerland, and these two bodies I am now serving as minister and missionary.

You have been kept informed about my work through your Committee on Foreign Correspondence. My Reports to the German and Swiss Unions are regularly published in our German New-Church periodical, and extracts from these, together with other information about the Church in these countries, have been laid before you.

This will, no doubt, be done also this year. Nevertheless I consider it my duty and my privilege, as one of your ministers, to address you directly. You meet this year in the city where one hundred years ago the doctrines of the New Church were first proclaimed in the new world. We shall have Divine service here on Ascension Day, the opening day of your session. Our congregation will think of you and of the event which you are commemorating, with thanks to the Lord and with prayers for the strengthening of his holy cause.

A short survey of the state and progress of the Church in the German-speaking parts of Europe, may be of some interest to you.

The German New-Church Union (*Deutsche Neukirchliche Gesellschaft*) comprises somewhat over two hundred members, scattered over the whole empire, and also over parts of Austria and Hungary. In a few places they form little groups, who meet together for reading and worship; thus in Stuttgart, Flacht, and some other parts of Wirtemberg, in Goerlitz, Silecia, in Chemnitz, Saxony, in St. Johann-Saarbrück, Rhenish Prussia. Besides, there is in Eastern Prussia, near the Russian frontier, a group of from forty to fifty part German-, part Polish-speaking receivers under the pastoral

care of the Rev. Mr. Schiweck; one or two of these only are members of the general body. In Vienna, Austria, there is a well-organized Society of over one hundred active members, of whom about twenty are also members of the German New-Church Union. Also in Budapest, Hungary, a small New-Church Society has been organized, most of whose members are likewise enrolled in the Union.

The Swiss New-Church Union (*Schweizerischer Verein der Neuen Kirche*) comprises about ninety members, living in various parts of Switzerland; they may be divided into two groups, one in Eastern Switzerland, in the cantons of St. Gall and Appenzell, where about one-half of the members live, and the other in Zurich and environs, and in the cantons of Basel and Bern. Besides, there is in Herisau (canton of Appenzell) a local New-Church organization under the leadership of Mr. Jacob Engmann; its members, with one or two exceptions, do not belong to the Union.

So there are in all two general organizations: the German and the Swiss Unions; further, the Societies in Vienna and in Budapest, the group of receivers in Eastern Prussia, and the Herisau Society; together, about five hundred persons.

The pastoral care for these various groups of receivers has, to a large extent, devolved upon me. When in 1879 I came to Germany, and was elected minister and missionary of the German New-Church Union, the Rev. Mr. Peisker was minister in Vienna, and the Rev. Mr. Baumann in Switzerland. In spring, 1881, Mr. Peisker died, and since that time I have been making annual visits in Vienna, staying there from two to four weeks; from there I usually visit Budapest. The Vienna Society keeps up regular worship every Sunday morning; sermons are read from the German New-Church periodicals. In Budapest the friends meet on Sunday evenings in a private room.

In January, 1882, the Rev. Mr. Baumann died, and an agreement was entered into by the German and Swiss Unions to engage my services jointly as minister and missionary for both countries. In consequence of this agreement I have moved in April, 1883, from Stuttgart to Zurich. We have Divine service here in a large room, which has been fitted up for the purpose, with entrance direct from the street; it will comfortably seat from sixty to eighty persons. Our attendance at present is from twenty to thirty adults. One Sunday of each month I visit the friends in Eastern Switzer-

land, holding Divine service in the church in Windegg (Rhine Valley), and in the afternoon at St. Gall. In Zurich we have a Sunday-school, attended by fourteen children; in Windegg I give religious instruction once a month to the children of two New-Church families.

In Germany I have been from here twice so far; this summer I shall probably make a more extended tour in both Germany and Austria. The distances over which I have to travel are considerable. From the most western point of my round (St. Johann-Saarbrück) to the most eastern point (Budapest), the distance is the same as from New York or Philadelphia to Jefferson in Missouri.

I am in hopes that here in Zurich a large Society will grow up in the course of time. We are gaining members. The State Church of the Protestant cantons of Switzerland, called the Evangelical-Reformed Church, is at present much divided. The so-called "Reformers," who are identical with the Unitarians in the United States, have, in the synods of many cantons, obtained a controlling influence, and the Orthodox members have been obliged to enter into a compromise with them, in order to keep up the external unity of the Church. The liturgies contain now different formulas for baptism and the Holy Supper, either of which may be used by the ministers; also prayers in which the name of the Lord Jesus is omitted. The Board of Examination of Candidates for the ministry consists of members of both parties; and the examination itself is solely upon the scientific qualification of the candidate. The Reform or Unitarian movement appears to be in the ascendancy, particularly in the cities. A number of Orthodox ministers have, in consequence of this state of things, separated themselves from the State Church, and have formed an independent religious community called "Frede Kirche"—the Free Church. The Methodists and the Baptists have also many organizations in Switzerland. The existence of two parties within the State Church, and of these several independent religious organizations, seems to be helpful to us to a certain extent in our efforts to spread the doctrines and in forming an external organization of the New Church. Independent thought and judgment in religious matters is furthered, and the reluctance to separate from the old time-honored institutions, is lessened by this state of things.

All the writings published by Swedenborg are translated into

German, and of the posthumous works, the "Apocalypse Explained," the "Summary Exposition," and the treatise on Charity; the "Diarium" is translated, but not yet published. A great part of these were translated and published by the late Dr. Immanuel Tafel. After his death the work of translation and publication was continued by a "Printing Society," organized by a few ladies devoted to the cause, who were present at Dr. Immanuel Tafel's funeral. He died in Ragatz, Switzerland, in August, 1863. The late Mr. Theodore Muellensiefen, after moving to Rheinfelden (Switzerland), became an active member of this small Printing Society; he also purchased the whole stock of German books from the heirs of Dr. Immanuel Tafel. The later translations were revised by Prof. Pfirsch, a friend of Dr. Immanuel Tafel, who has also now translated the greater part of the "Apocalypse Explained" and the "Diarium." Prof. Pfirsch, now over eighty, lives in Lindau, on Lake Constance. In 1872 the whole stock of books was purchased by Mr. J. G. Mittnacht, who established a regular depot for the sale of New-Church books, first in Stuttgart, and now in Frankfort on the Main. He has issued many new editions, also collateral works and a "Compendium." The prices of all the books have been very much reduced by Mr. Mittnacht, bringing them within the reach of all. Mr. Mittnacht is performing for us the same important use which in England and America is rendered to the Church by the Printing Societies. In this most important matter of books the small German Church is now nearly as well provided for as the English. A large percentage of the books goes also to the United States, where the German Missionary Union attends to their import and sale.

In the year 1872, Mr. Mittnacht, together with Dr. R. L. Tafel, of London, also founded a German New-Church periodical, the *Wochenschrift für die Neue Kirche*; since 1875 Mr. Mittnacht has continued it alone under the title *Neukirchenblätter* up to the end of last year. Since January last a New-Church monthly, *Monatblätter für die Neue Kirche*, is being published by myself.

Yours fraternally in the Lord's New Church,

F. GOERWITZ.

ZURICH, May 20, 1884.

FROM THE REV. A. BOYSEN.

To the General Convention of the New Church in America : —

BELoved BRETHREN.—It is an agreeable duty to write to you, dear American friends, at the centenary anniversary of the New Church in the United States, and I am very glad to inform you of the fact that the New Church in Sweden is making steady progress, although we only celebrate our eighth anniversary, and for want of means cannot rejoice at a New-Church temple.

During the last year we have had public worship every Sunday except during the vacations, when the public worship was suspended because of the high house-rent. The attendance is very satisfactory, being generally about three hundred persons. Last Good Friday we had the largest auditory that we ever have had; all the side rooms and the choirs, containing about eight hundred persons, were full, and about two or three hundred persons were obliged to go away. The Holy Supper has been celebrated thrice during the year, and five adults have been baptized into the Church. Our Society has also been increased by several new young members; but as people with us commonly are not well off, our economical circumstances are the same as formerly they used to be.

Lectures have been delivered at different times in Göteborg, Dalarne, Tarna, Linköping, Jönköping, and Copenhagen, and the lectures have been favorably mentioned by the Press. I might have lectured in several other places, but as we have no mission fund and my time is much taken up with our *New-Church Monthly*, we have to wait for better times.

I have now done translating the "True Christian Religion" into the Swedish language, and hope that before long a new edition of this principal work of the Church shall be printed.

Our *New-Church Monthly* has been distributed gratis after every lecture, and many works of Swedenborg, some tracts, and collateral works have been sold after the public services during the year, and at the same time books have been lent out from our loan library.

Thus you see, beloved friends, that we try to do as much as possible in order to make the Heavenly Doctrines known in our country, and we are glad to thank the kind American brethren for the assistance that the Lord in his mercy has given us through your benevolence. But a New-Church building being with us the most

necessary thing to the real progress of the Church in all Scandinavia, and much more so than in your free country, permit me to ask you kindly not to forget us, but to do for us in this respect what your warm-hearted interest has done to enable us to carry on our great work.

Thanking you for what hitherto kindly you have done to help us, I trust that charitably you will enable us to continue our labor in the Lord's New Church.

We heartily congratulate you that this year you are going to celebrate the centenary anniversary of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, wishing that the blessing of our Lord henceforward may be with you and his New Church as it has been with you hitherto.

On behalf of the New-Church friends in Scandinavia,
I am yours affectionately,

A. BOYESEN.

STOCKHOLM, April 1, 1884.

FROM DR. GEORGE DANIELY, HUNGARY.

To the Honorable General Convention of the New Church : —

THE established Society of the New Church in Budapest is desirous, for the spreading of the New Church doctrines, to have some works translated and printed in the Hungarian tongue.

The translation of Le Boys des Guays' "Letters to a Man of the World" is finished, and has for some time been waiting to be printed, as funds are lacking for defraying the expenses of the press work. The London General Conference has indeed subscribed £15 for this work, but the remittance is dependent upon the condition that the whole amount necessary for the printing—about £30—shall first be subscribed.

We are yet wanting £10 which we desire to make up by means of collections. The Society takes the liberty, therefore, of addressing the request that the General Convention would have the kindness to make any contribution it may deem best, to the herein-named object, and to remit the same, for which we esteem it our sacred duty in advance to express our most heartfelt thanks.

In the name of the New-Church Society of Budapest,

DR. GEORGE DANIELY.

FROM THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

*To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
in the United States:—*

DEAR BRETHREN.—By a resolution of the Maryland Association which is incorporated in its Report to the Convention, Rev. Jabez Fox was selected for presentation to the General Convention at its next meeting for investiture with the office of General Pastor, to which resolution and Report the Convention is respectfully referred for action.

C. A. E. SPAMER, *Secretary.*

FROM NEW-CHURCH FRIENDS IN KANSAS.

To the General Convention:—

BRETHREN.—We, your petitioners, members of the New Church and those interested in the dissemination of the Heavenly Doctrines in the State of Kansas, in asking your honorable body to make an appropriation to enable Rev. Mr. Goodner to do missionary work in Kansas, beg leave to state:—

First. Most of us have now personally known Mr. Goodner for from five to six years, and know that he is a man well adapted to disseminate the truths of the New Church in this country, and the longer he is known the more highly he is esteemed both as a Christian gentleman and as a minister, commanding the respect of all classes of people among whom he labors.

Second. We address you instead of the Mission Board because we think your body in Convention assembled, better situated to be informed as regards our interests here than the Board can well be.

Third, We regret that we could not have had Mr. Goodner's missionary services ever since he settled in this State, and are justified in the belief that he will gladly devote his entire time to the work if sufficient means are provided to enable him to do so.

Very respectfully signed,

WM. M. RHEA,
H. NUSSBAUM,
V. S. NUSSBAUM,
and sixty others.

FROM THE PARSONS MISSIONARY UNION, KANSAS.

To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem:—

AT the first annual meeting of Parsons Missionary Union, in October last, the Society engaged the services of Rev. A. N. Odell for ensuing year. Brother Odell had formerly been a minister in the M. E. Church, but had withdrawn from same by letter, he having become a convert to New-Church doctrines.

His labors were generally well received and appreciated by those who heard him. He broke down in health in January, and has in consequence been compelled to abandon the work. We are now without a pastor.

After having stated these facts, allow me to say we want, we *need* a New-Church minister very much. I am satisfied that the right man could in a short time work up a self-supporting (or rather self-sustaining) Society here. I could perform a use if I had some tracts to distribute.

Very respectfully,

J. COVALT, *Leader*.

Copy of Act of Incorporation.

An Act to Incorporate the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.

SECTION 1.—*Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, that Rev. Thomas Worcester, D.D., of Boston, Mass., Rev. J. R. Hibbard, of Chicago, Ill., Rev. T. B. Hayward, of Brookline, Mass., Robert L. Smith, Esq., of Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., J. Young Scammon, Esq., of Chicago, and I. S. Britton, Esq., of Springfield, Ill., Hon. John B. Niles, of La Porte, Ind., Dr. Charles Shepherd, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Rev. Chauncey Giles, of Cincinnati, Ohio, David Snyder, Esq., of Philadelphia, Penn., N. F. Cabell, Esq., of Warminster, Va., Hon. John H. Wilkins and Sampson Reed, of Boston, Mass., Oliver Gerrish, of Portland, and Henry B. Hoskins, of Gardiner, Me., their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate, under the name of "The General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America"; under which name they shall have perpetual succession with power to receive, take by gift, purchase, devise, or otherwise, property and estate, real, personal, or mixed, for educational or religious purposes, and to hold, lease, and sell or convey the same at pleasure.

SECT. 2.—The business affairs of said Convention shall be managed and controlled by its Executive Committee (or General Council), subject to the direction of the Convention when in session. Said Committee (or Council) shall be chosen or appointed, from time to time, in such manner as the Constitution of such Convention may direct, and shall be governed by the Constitution of such Convention, and act in conformity to its votes. Said Committee (or Council) may create such offices, and appoint such officers, as they may see fit, and remove the same at pleasure; and may manage its business affairs in such manner as a majority of said Committee (or Council) may determine, subject to the control of the Convention.

SECT. 3.—Said Convention may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend in all courts and places, in its corporate name, by attorney or otherwise. All deeds, conveyances, or leases of the property held by said Convention, for the purpose of leasing or conveying such property, shall be made under the hands of the President and Recording Secretary, and under such seal as said Executive Committee (or General Council) may adopt; but all such deeds must be approved by a majority of said Committee (or Council).

SECT. 4.—All gifts, devises, or bequests made to said Convention, shall be used for educational or religious purposes; or the proceeds thereof, if sold, or disposed of, shall be so applied.

SECT. 5.—Nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to interfere with the right of said Convention to alter, amend, or abolish its Constitution, or to form a new one, whenever it shall see fit to do so.

APPROVED, January 29, 1861.

Form of a Legacy.

"I GIVE to the 'General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America,' a body corporate, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, the sum of——— dollars for educational or religious purposes."

[Where the gift is to be applied to some particular use, the intention of the testator should be distinctly stated, and the use specified.]

Form of a Devise of Land.

"I GIVE and devise to [here name the Trustees], in trust for the 'General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America,' a body corporate, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois [here describe the property], for such uses and purposes as the said Convention may, by vote, choose to apply the same. And the said Trustees are empowered to sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the same at any time, and to invest and re-invest the proceeds for the use of the said Convention."

[Where the testator desires to have the income only of the property devised, used, or where the income or proceeds of the property is to be applied to some particular use, the intention of the testator should be distinctly stated, as well as the use intended.]

Recommendations

OF THE COMMITTEE OF LAWYERS ON BEQUESTS AND DEVISES, ADOPTED 1883.

First. The Committee earnestly recommend that any person intending to make testamentary disposition of his or her property, in favor of the General Convention, or any of its organized agencies in the various uses of the Church, should consult able counsel and be guided by them. The Committee desire to call especial attention to this recommendation, and state as their reason for doing so, that the examination made by them of the very different laws of the several States absolutely demonstrates the utmost necessity for this course.

Second. They also submit the following technical suggestions: Unless perfectly certain that the laws of the State where the property is situate permit foreign corporations for charitable purposes to hold real estate, do not make devises of real estate to the Convention, or any of its various Boards, but make a bequest of a given amount of money or other personal property. But where the property to be disposed of consists in whole or in part of real estate, the will disposing of the same should contain an express direction to the executor to sell and convert the real estate to enable them to pay the legacies. This direction is absolutely necessary in the case of real estate situate in the States of California, Dakota, Delaware, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, Pennsylvania, and probably in other States.

Constitution

OF

"THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

PREAMBLE.

THE members of the General Convention of the New Church in America receive and acknowledge the Heavenly Doctrines of the New Jerusalem, as revealed in the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg; the three essentials of which are laid down in the work on the "Divine Providence," n. 259, and are as follows:—

"There are three essentials of the Church,—

"1. The acknowledgment of the Lord's Divinity.

"2. The acknowledgment of the holiness of the Word.

"3. The life which is called charity."

And they unite together for the purpose of promoting the establishment and extension of the Lord's kingdom on the earth, by learning and performing those uses which appropriately belong to a general body of the Church; and for their organization and guidance they adopt the following

CONSTITUTION.

Of the Name and Meetings.

SECTION 1.—This body shall be called "The General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America," and it shall meet annually, or otherwise, at such times and places as may be determined by the Convention itself, or by its Executive Committee.

Of Membership.

SECT. 2.—The General Convention shall be composed of Associations, and other collective bodies of the Church, and members by election. All associated bodies of the Church, which are not now connected with this Convention, or authorized to be represented therein, may be admitted members thereof, upon application, by vote of the Convention.

SECT. 3.—All ministers belonging to the Association and other collective bodies of the Church in connection with this body, shall be members of the General Convention.

SECT. 4.—Every Association, or other collective body of the Church, belonging to this Convention, shall be entitled to one delegate for every twenty members. A Society, or other collective body belonging to the Convention, not connected with, or represented in an Association, or larger Society, and having less than twenty members, shall be entitled to one delegate. But a Society represented in an Association, or other collective body, shall be entitled to no separate representation.

SECT. 5.—At all meetings of the Convention, the representative or representatives of any Association, Society, or other collective body of the Church, shall be entitled to cast the whole vote to which its ministers and delegates might be entitled if it were fully represented in the Convention. Upon the demand of any member, made before the voting begins, the vote shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of this section; and in such case, when any delegation is not full, the majority of the delegation present and voting shall determine and cast the vote of the Association, less the actual minority present, and such minority may vote separately; provided that if a delegation be equally divided, the vote to which its Association is entitled shall be equally divided also; and provided further, that if the delegations are otherwise instructed by their respective Associations as to the manner of casting their vote, they may be governed by such instructions.

SECT. 6.—Ministers and other individuals who acknowledge the three essentials of the Church as declared in the Preamble to this Constitution, and who are so situated that they cannot be members of, or conveniently act with, an Association, Society, or other collective body belonging to the Convention, may, upon giving their assent to the Constitution, be elected members by vote of the Convention.

SECT. 7.—Applications by an Association, or other collective body of the Church, or an individual, for membership in this Convention, may be made to the Committee on Credentials, who shall at once refer all such applications to the Executive Committee, or such applications may be made directly to the Executive Committee.

Of the Organization.

SECT. 8.—The Officers of the Convention shall be a President, a Vice-President, two Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs, and an Executive Committee. The Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs shall consist of all the ministers of the Convention, of whom twelve shall constitute a quorum; the Chairman of the Committee to be chosen annually from the number of General Pastors of Associations belonging to the Convention. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Treasurer of the Convention, together with ten other persons, to be chosen at large from the members of the Convention. These Officers shall be elected annually by ballot, and shall hold their offices until the close of the next regular meeting of the Convention after their election, but vacancies may be filled by the Executive Committee.

SECT. 9.—The President shall preside at the meetings of the Convention, and perform such other duties as are implied by the name of his office, or may be required of him by the Constitution or Convention. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President, or when requested by him.

SECT. 10.—The Secretaries shall keep and preserve a record of the doings of the Convention in a book suitable for that purpose, in which they shall record the entire proceedings of the Convention, including all motions, whether decided in the affirmative or negative; and this Report shall be signed by the President and themselves at the end of every session. They shall preserve all important documents coming before the Convention, and all other documents, at least until the

next regular meeting of the Convention, together with one hundred complete sets of the printed Journals for the use of the Convention.

SECT. 11.—The Treasurer shall receive all contributions and donations to the funds of the Convention, and hold the same, subject to the control of the Convention or its Executive Committee.

SECT. 12.—The Executive Committee shall have a general superintendence of the affairs of the Convention in the interim of its meetings; and it shall be their duty to take all such measures as they may deem orderly and necessary, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, to disseminate the doctrines of the New Church, and promote its general good. They may appoint messengers from the Convention to any other associated body of the Church; may authorize the payment of money from the treasury, upon the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretaries; or of the President or Secretaries, countersigned by any other member of the Executive Committee; and said Committee shall be the Finance Committee of the Convention.

SECT. 13.—Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President, Secretaries, or any three members thereof, upon giving thirty days' notice by letter, the time to be computed from the mailing of the letter; and at all meetings of said Committee, seven shall constitute a quorum. No appropriation of a larger sum of money than two hundred dollars shall be made by said Committee, unless a majority of the members thereof assent thereto; and no portion of the principal of the Rice Fund shall be appropriated by the Committee; nor shall any appropriation be made by said Committee at any time, beyond the amount in the treasury available for the purposes of the appropriation; but the Committee or Treasurer may accept loans of money, on the condition that it may be hereafter refunded from the assets of the Convention; for the payment of which neither the members of the Convention nor the Rice Fund shall be held responsible.

SECT. 14.—The Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs shall be charged with all matters pertaining to the office and duty of ministers, except so far as the same is otherwise provided for in this Constitution, or shall be ordered by the Convention; they shall have power to act in all such matters, with the concurrence of the Convention or the Executive Committee; and they shall annually revise the List of Ministers, and report to the Convention what changes or additions ought to be made therein.

SECT. 15.—All Officers and Standing Committees shall report in writing to the Convention at each session; and the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs, and the Executive Committee, shall report all their doings to the Convention.

Students and Candidates for the Ministry.

SECT. 16.—A member of the New Church pursuing in a Theological School of the New Church, or under the instruction of a pastor, a preparatory course of study, may, on presenting to the Presiding Minister of an Association or of the General Convention, the recommendation of the Principal of such school, or of such pastor, become a candidate for the ministry, and be authorized as such by the Presiding Minister to lead in worship, to teach the doctrines of the Church, to lecture, and to officiate at funerals, such authorization to be renewed annually so

long as continued ; and all such services shall be performed under the supervision of such Presiding Minister or Principal, or a pastor appointed for the purpose ; and the provisions of this clause may also apply by vote of an Association to others than candidates for the ministry.

The Priesthood or Ministry.

SECT. 17.—A member of the Church who has been a candidate for a suitable term, may, with the sanction of an Association, be ordained into the ministry, with such powers as the Association shall prescribe.

SECT. 18.—A minister who has been invited by a Society to become its pastor, may, on presentation of the proper credentials to the Presiding Minister, be installed into the pastoral office, with power, if not previously conferred, to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper, and to consecrate marriages.

SECT. 19.—A pastor, after a suitable term in the pastoral office, may, by request of an Association, and with the sanction of the General Convention, be invested with the office of General Pastor, with power to authorize candidates, ordain ministers, and preside over a general body of the Church, while acting as Presiding Minister of any Association, or of the General Convention ; provided that the adoption of these rules shall not affect the status of existing ministers, and that those who have been consecrated as Ordaining Ministers shall be classed as General Pastors.

SECT. 20.—Whenever any ordained person shall call in question any of the doctrines of the New Church contained in the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, or when his conduct or practices shall be such as are manifestly injurious to the Church, or when his life shall evidently be not conformable to the Divine Commandments, he may be suspended from the exercise of his functions as such minister, by the authority of the Association, or other general body of the Church, within whose bounds he may be laboring or residing, until the next meeting of the Convention ; but he shall have the right of appeal to the next General Convention ; and the Executive Committee of the Convention, with the concurrence of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs, may remove such suspension until his case shall be acted upon by the General Convention. The Executive Committee of the Convention may, for like cause, suspend any minister not within the bounds of an Association, or other general body of the Church, in connection with this Convention. And whenever, in the opinion of the Chairman of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs of this Convention, or the General Pastor or President of an Association, or other general body of the Church, the circumstances of the case require that such minister should suspend his functions before there is time or opportunity to lay the case before such Executive Committee or Association, or other general body of the Church, such General Pastor or President shall notify such minister not to further exercise the office of minister until the matter can be brought before the tribunal herein authorized to suspend. The Convention may, for like cause, suspend any minister.

SECT. 21.—No change shall be made in the Constitution of the Convention without being first referred to the Executive, or some other appropriate Committee.

By-Laws of the General Convention.

SECTION 1.—The meetings of the Convention shall be opened by the reading of the Word, and prayer, every morning.

SECT. 2.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered on the Sabbath included in the session of the Convention.

SECT. 3.—A Committee on Credentials, to consist of three persons, shall be appointed at the opening of each annual meeting of the Convention, to examine the credentials of the delegates, and make up the Roll of the Convention; said Committee to sit during the whole of that meeting, and to add to and correct the Roll, as may be proper.

SECT. 4.—All receivers of the doctrines of the New Church, who are or may be in attendance at any session of the Convention, are invited to take seats in the meeting and inscribe their names and residences in a register to be kept for that purpose, at each meeting of the Convention; and such registry shall entitle them to participate in its deliberations.

This By-Law shall be read by the Secretary immediately after the opening of each annual session of the Convention.

SECT. 5.—Immediately after the appointment of the Committee on Credentials, Reports and Communications shall be read in the following order:—

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| 1. | Annual Report of the President. |
| 2. | “ “ Secretaries. |
| 3. | “ “ Treasurer. |
| 4. | “ “ Executive Committee. |
| 5. | “ “ Board of Publication. |
| 6. | “ “ Treasurer of the Theological-School Fund. |
| 7. | “ “ Trustees “ Building Fund. |
| 8. | “ “ “ “ Rice Legacy. |
| 9. | “ “ “ “ Rotch Legacy. |
| 10. | “ “ Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs. |
| 11. | “ “ Board of Missions. |
| 12. | “ “ Board of Managers of the Theological School. |
| 13. | “ “ Committee on Foreign Correspondence. |
| 14. | “ “ Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's MSS. |
| 15. | Reports of Associations in alphabetical order. |
| 16. | “ Societies. |
| 17. | “ Ordaining Ministers. |
| 18. | Special Reports. |
| 19. | Unfinished Business. |
| 20. | New Business. |

When any Report called for is not ready, its reading shall be postponed until all other regular Reports have been read in their order. This rule shall not apply to the Report of the Executive Committee, which may be presented in print as soon as prepared.

No debate shall be allowed on any of the above Reports until all of them have been read ; but a motion to refer, or to adopt a recommendation, without debate, shall be in order.

The above Order of Business may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote.

SECT. 6.—The rules and regulations which obtain in deliberative assemblies generally, are adopted by the Convention until otherwise ordered.

SECT. 7.—No member shall speak more than five minutes at one time, nor more than twice upon any subject, without the consent or leave of the Convention.

SECT. 8.—When a Report is presented, it shall be regarded as received, unless objected to. If objected to, the question of its reception shall be taken. But its acceptance expresses no approval of its contents.

SECT. 9.—The *yeas* and *nays* shall be taken whenever they are called for by one-fifth of the persons voting.

SECT. 10.—When the Convention has voted to admit an Association or a Society of the New Church to membership in the Convention, the President shall announce the names of its delegates, and invite them to come forward. He shall then inform them of the vote of the Convention, by which the Association or Society to which they belong was admitted to membership ; after which, all the members of the Convention rising, he shall, in behalf of the Convention, give the delegates the right hand of fellowship, and welcome them to all the privileges which are enjoyed by delegates from similar Associations and Societies.

SECT. 11.—The President shall present an Annual Report or Message, setting forth the condition and wants of the Convention ; and shall deliver an Address before it, on some day of each session, upon some of its more important interests.

SECT. 12.—The President shall annually address the English Conference, or appoint some person to do so in his stead.

SECT. 13.—All Addresses ordered by the Convention to go forth in its name, shall first be submitted to the Convention for adoption.

SECT. 14.—The Executive Committee and the Board of Publication shall make their General Reports to the Convention, in print, as early as the second day of its annual session, embracing all subjects intended to be brought before that body for its action.

SECT. 15.—It shall be the duty of the Secretaries to attend at the opening of each session of the Convention, and to bring with them the Book of Records, the Journals of the Convention, and such papers as may be in their possession relating to unfinished or other business likely to come before the Convention ; and the Treasurer is authorized to audit their accounts for travelling expenses, and to pay the same.

SECT. 16.—The two Secretaries of the Convention shall constitute a Committee on the Journal, whose duty it shall be to procure the publication of the Journal entire as recorded, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention ; and such Reports or other documents received by the Convention, not ordered to be printed by the Convention, as they may deem useful ; with such number of copies for distribution as the Committee shall judge necessary. They shall condense and tabulate all Reports and documents which are entitled to a place in the Journal, as far as is consistent with giving the substance of the proceedings ; they shall revise annu-

ally the List of Societies appended to the Journal; and prepare each year, from the statistics of the several Associations, or other collective bodies of the Church, a table of the representatives to which the Associations respectively are entitled. For the expenses of printing the Journal, the Committee may draw on the Treasurer for any unappropriated funds in his hands.

SECT. 17.—The Secretaries shall, under the direction of the President, distribute to the ministers, Societies, and Associations belonging to this Convention, the Minutes of the English Conference, and other documents sent to this Convention for distribution, as soon as received.

SECT. 18.—The Treasurer shall furnish annually for the Journal a statement of the legacies made to this Convention.

SECT. 19.—All Committees shall be nominated by the President of the Convention, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention, or provided in the Constitution.

SECT. 20.—The Vice-President is to appoint the Standing Committees in the President's absence.

SECT. 21.—The President and Vice-President are authorized to fill vacancies on any Committee, or to appoint any Committees that may have been overlooked, and to send their names to the Secretaries for publication in the Journal.

SECT. 22.—There shall be a Standing Committee of Foreign Correspondence, whose duty it shall be to establish and maintain a correspondence with public bodies and individuals of the New Church in other countries; to receive and answer communications from receivers of the doctrines, who may address them from abroad on matters relating to the Church; to attend to such matters as may from time to time be referred to them by the Convention; to extend the hand of charity, in the way of counsel, aid, and protection, to any properly recommended receivers who may present themselves from abroad; and to give suitable introductions to receivers going abroad. They shall also take measures for causing their existence as a permanent Board, and their personal addresses to be made known to the members of the New Church in foreign countries.

SECT. 23.—A Committee of three persons shall be appointed annually to prepare, on behalf of the Convention, for the next meeting thereof; and it shall be the duty of such Committee, under the direction of the President, to cause to be prepared and printed a programme for the Convention.

SECT. 24.—A Board of twelve Managers shall be appointed by the Convention, to which Board shall be intrusted the care and conduct of the Theological School. When the Board is elected, the members shall divide themselves into three classes by lot, numbered *one, two, three*; the first of which will serve one year, the second two years; and the third three years; and thereafter four members shall be elected annually, to serve three years. These twelve Managers shall elect the President of the Theological School, who shall thereupon become, *ex-officio*, a member of the Board.

SECT. 25.—The General Pastors or Presiding Ministers of the Associations belonging to this Convention, shall constitute a General Board of Managers of Missionary Work, to be called the Board of Missions. The duty of this Board shall be to provide and put in operation such plans as they may deem best for the support of the work in the several districts, and in the whole field outside the districts; and four shall constitute a quorum.

SECT. 26.—When a minister is ordained by authority of the Convention, he shall be considered a minister and member of the Convention, and subject to its jurisdiction, until his connection therewith shall be severed by voluntary act on his part, or by the authority of the Convention. Every minister ordained by authority of the Convention, and not connected with an Association, shall report his official acts to the Convention annually. Whenever such minister, so ordained, shall neglect to make a report to the Convention as aforesaid, he shall be notified of such neglect by the Secretaries. After notification and failure to report for three years, his name may be stricken from the Roll of Ministers, after the fact has been certified by the Secretaries to the Convention. In case a minister shall desire to be reinstated after his name has been stricken from the Roll, he shall make application to the Convention, which shall be referred to the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs, which shall report thereon to the Convention.

SECT. 27.—Whenever any person who has been elected a member of the Convention shall become united with an Association, or other collective body of the Church, which is connected with this Convention, his name shall be omitted from the list of those who are members by election.

SECT. 28.—All communications addressed to the Convention during the interim between its sessions, shall be sent to the President or Secretaries.

SECT. 29.—The Constitution shall be reprinted with each Journal.

Standing Recommendations.

To Associations, etc.

1. EACH Association, or other collective body of the Church, is requested to report annually a list of its ministers.

2. The Convention recommends to the several Associations composing this body that, as far as they are able, they sustain their General Pastor or Presiding Minister in the general work of the Church in their Associations; and when one Association is unable to support a General Pastor, entirely or in part, that adjoining Associations unite in the support of a General Pastor. (Journal of 1875, Minute 66.)

3. Associations are recommended to make such specific rules, under the general rules for the regulation of the ministry, as they may consider necessary or desirable.

To Isolated Societies.

4. To establish a Sabbath-school, and to give it watchful care, in which the truths of the Church shall be distinctly taught.

5. To adopt as rules of discipline, or laws of charity, what is taught by the Lord in MATT. v. 23, 24, and xviii. 15-17.

6. To establish free libraries of the theological works of Swedenborg for loan to all who are interested.

To Ministers.

7. If not connected with any Association, to report to the Convention at each session, stating where they are employed, and for what portion of the time.

8. To keep a record of the names, ages, residences, etc., of all persons baptized by them.

To the Standing Committee of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association.

9. To report annually to the Convention such statistics and such action by the Association as may be of general interest.

Bodies Composing the General Convention.

THE General Convention is composed of the following Associations, Societies, and individual members:—

THE CANADA ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Berlin, Wellesley, Strathroy, Montreal, and Toronto.

THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Chicago, Batavia, Peoria, Canton, Henry, Chicago (German), Wilmington, Mount Carroll, Iowa (German), Lenox, Iowa (German), Janesville, Wis., Jefferson, Wis., La Porte, Ind.

THE MAINE ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Portland, Bath, Gardiner, Bangor, and Fryeburg.

THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Wilmington, Del., Baltimore First German, Washington, D. C., Easton, Md., and individual members of the Baltimore Society.

THE MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Boston, Bridgewater, Abington, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Yarmouth, Pawtucket, R. I., Foxborough and Mansfield, Gloucester, Fall River, Lowell, Springfield, Brookline, Salem, Providence, R. I., Newtonville, Waltham, Boston Highlands, Lancaster, Contoocook, N. H., and Taunton.

THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Detroit, Almont, Ypsilanti, and Wexford Co.

THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Minneapolis and St. Paul.

THE MISSOURI ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—St. Louis, St. Louis (German), Jefferson City, and Wellsville.

THE NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

This Association embraces Societies and receivers in the States of New York, New Jersey, and part of Connecticut. *Societies*.—New York, Brooklyn, Hoboken, Paterson, Riverhead, Orange, N. J., Mount Vernon, Newark, N. J., New York (German); Vineland, N. J., and Mystic, Conn.

THE OHIO ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Cincinnati, Urbana, East Rockport, Glendale Parish, Pomeroy and Middleport, Newark, Cleveland Parish, and Wyoming, O., Richmond and Indianapolis, Ind., Monroe County and Toledo, O.

THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Pittsburgh, Philadelphia Advent, Lancaster, Greenford, O., Utahville and Sanborn, Darby, Erie County, and Renovo.

SOCIETIES.

Edenfield, Pa.	admitted	1866
Milwaukee, Wis.	"	1867
San Francisco, Cal.	"	1870
San Francisco, Cal., First	"	1875
Denver, Colorado, ...	"	1879
Savannah, Ga.	"	1881
Connecticut Association.	"	1884

MEMBERS BY ELECTION.

Julien Shoemaker, Philadelphia	admitted	1870
William McGeorge, Jr., Philadelphia	"	1878
Richard A. Lewis, Philadelphia	"	1881
E. Burgess Warren, Philadelphia	"	1881

Ministers of the General Convention.

GENERAL PASTORS.

Samuel Fuller Dike, D.D., Bath, Me., ordained June 7, 1840. Ordained Oct. 10, 1841; consecrated June 13, 1847.

John Randolph Hibbard, D.D., 2040 Cherry St., Philadelphia, Pa., ordained June 7, 1839. Ordained May 29, 1842; consecrated June 13, 1847.

Chauncey Giles, 3502 Hamilton St., Philadelphia, Penn., ordained May, 1850. Ordained May 29, 1853; consecrated June 14, 1863.

Frederick William Tuerk, Berlin, Ontario, Canada, ordained June 14, 1857; consecrated June 12, 1864.

William H. Benade, 3257 Woodland Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., ordained June 7, 1846. Ordained June, 1847; consecrated June 8, 1873.

Joseph Pettee, Abington, Mass., ordained July 25, 1838; consecrated July 26, 1874.

John Goddard, Price Hill, Cincinnati, O., ordained Feb. 4, 1866; invested with the office June 3, 1883.

Jabez Fox, 320 Indiana Ave., Washington, D.C., ordained June 16, 1849; invested with the office June 1, 1884.

PASTORS AND MINISTERS.

Warren Goddard, Brockton, Mass.	Ordained	Sept. 19, 1839
Nathan Clark Burnham, Lancaster, Pa.	"	May 29, 1840
Sabin Hough, 933 Gates Ave, Brooklyn, N.Y.	"	May 24, 1847
William B. Hayden, 31 Winter St., Portland, Me.	"	June 13, 1851
Samuel H. Worcester, Bridgewater, Mass.	"	Aug. 28, "
John P. Perry, New Ipswich, N. H.	"	May 9, 1855
Arthur O. Brickman, 281 E. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md.	"	Aug. 30, "
John Henry Ragatz, Benton Harbor, Mich.	"	May 31, 1857
Edmund A. Beaman, Cincinnati, O.	"	April 5, 1858
Gerhard Busmann, 1119 Twelfth St., St. Louis, Mo. ...	"	Oct. 9, 1859
James Reed, 45 Pinckney St., Boston, Mass.	"	April 1, 1860
T. O. Paine, L.L.D., Elmwood, E. Bridgewater, Mass.	"	April 5, "
John Worcester, Newtonville, Mass.	"	April 5, "
Charles A. Dunham, Winthrop, Mass.	"	April 5, "
Joshua Trowbridge Eaton, Shrewsbury, Mass.	"	June 13, "
George Nelson Smith, 24 Artesian Ave., Chicago, Ill. .	"	June 24, "
James E. Mills, Quincy, Cal.	"	Aug. 19, "
Adolph J. Bartels, Hannibal, Monroe County, O.	"	Sept. 16, "
John Curtis Ager, 296 Carlton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. .	"	Sept. 16, "
John Isaac Herrick, Mauston, Wis.	"	Oct. 7, "
George F. Stearns, Mansfield, Mass.	"	Oct. 10, 1861
C. Louise Carriere, 1212 Madison St., St. Louis, Mo. .	"	May 4, 1862
Edw. Craig Mitchell, 169 Western Ave., St. Paul, Minn.	"	Nov. 27, "

Edwin Gould, 208 Mountain St., Montreal, Can.....	Ordained	Dec. 14, 1862
Frank Sewall, Urbana, O.	"	Aug. 23, 1863
Theodore Edson, Lockland, O.....	"	Nov. 29, "
Samuel M. Warren, Hillside, Roxbury, Mass.	"	June 24, 1865
Willard Hall Hinkley, Brookline, Mass.,.....	"	Oct. 29, "
John W. Lever, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.	"	Jan. 29, 1866
Charles H. Mann, Orange, N. J.	"	Oct. 9, 1867
John W. Hunt, 630 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, Md. .	"	Oct. 27, "
Joseph Worcester, 234 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal..	"	Nov. 3, "
Rudolph L. Tafel, 149 Tufnell Park Road, London, N. England	"	April 12, 1868
John Doughty, 1508 Leavenworth St., San Francisco, Cal.	"	April 12, "
Calvin Day Noble, Riverside, San Bernardino Co., Cal.	"	Nov. 1, "
Theodore F. Wright, Bridgewater, Mass.	"	April 8, 1869
William H. Mayhew, Yarmouth Port, Mass.	"	April 8, "
Gustave Reiche, Boonville, Mo.	"	May 16, "
Leonard G. Jordan, San Francisco, Cal.	"	June 6, "
Louis H. Tafel, 832 Windsor Square, Philadelphia, Pa.	"	Oct. 3, "
Samuel S. Seward, 225 East Thirty-Second St., N.Y..	"	Oct. 15, "
Berry Edmiston, Riverside, Cal.	"	May 1, 1870
Adams Peabody, Eureka Springs, Ark.	"	May 15, "
Cyrus Scammon, La Porte, Ind.	"	Oct. 16, "
Edward P. Walton.....	"	Oct. 30, "
William M. Goodner, Larned, Kan.....	"	Feb. 19, 1871
George W. Chase, Columbus, Ga.	"	Sept. 10, "
Stephen Jepson, Riverpoint, R. I.	"	Aug. 18, 1872
Lewis P. Mercer, Van Buren, east of Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.	"	Sept. 29, "
E. R. Tuller, Vineland, N. J.	"	Dec. 10, "
John Jacob Lehn, Norway, Iowa.....	"	May 11, 1873
John E. Bowers, 36 Homewood Ave., Toronto, Can...	"	May 11, "
William F. Pendleton, 821 Windsor Square, Philadel- phia, Pa.	"	Sept. 3, "
Albinus F. Frost, Detroit, Mich.	"	Oct. 16, "
W. D. Hastings, Janesville, Wis.	"	Oct., "
Warren Goddard, Jr., 77 Mawney St., Providence, R. I.	"	April 2, 1874
Horace W. Wright, Abington, Mass.....	"	Oct. 15, "
Joseph A. Lamb, Mystic, Conn.....	"	Oct. 24, "
Oliver Dyer, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	"	May 28, 1876
Peter Joseph Faber, 345 Kent Ave., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.	"	June 11, "
Henry E. Goddard, Brockton, Mass.	"	Sept. 24, "
Richard de Charms, 333 Larimer St., Denver, Col....	"	Jan. 21, 1877
Richard Ward, Lancaster, Mass.	"	April 13, "
James M. Shepherd, Ruby, St. Clair County, Mich....	"	June 3, "
H. C. Vetterling, Chicago, Ill.	"	June 10, "
John Westall, Fall River, Mass.	"	Oct. 11, "

Jacob Kimm, Watkins, Benton County, Iowa.....	Ordained	Oct. 23, 1877.
D. H. Rains, Nashville, Tenn.	"	Feb. 3, 1878
James Power Smith, McMinnville, Tenn.	"	March 6, "
James B. Parmelee, Wilmington, Del.	"	June 2, "
Julian K. Smyth, 53 Waverley St. Roxbury, Mass. ...	"	Jan. 5, 1879
Fedor Goerwitz, Zum Frieden, Oberstrass, Zurich, Switzerland	"	June 1, "
William A. L. Campbell, 158 Ave. I, West Galveston, Texas	"	June 22, "
Orson L. Barler, 542 Hurlburt St., Chicago, Ill.....	"	Nov. 1, "
D. Vincent Bowen, Salem, Mass.	"	April 8, 1880
Adolph Roeder, Pleasantville, N. J.	"	April 25, "
Edward C. Bostock, 2039 Woodstock St., Philadel- phia, Pa.	"	June 6, "
John Whitehead, 215 Catherine St., E. E., Pittsburgh, Pa.	"	June 6, "
Howard C. Dunham, Topeka, Kan.....	"	Aug. 29, "
Thomas A. King, Portland, Me.	"	March 27, 1881
Ellis I. Kirk, Concordia, Cloud County, Kan.....	"	May 17, "
Jacob E. Werren, Abington, Mass.	"	March 26, 1882
Joseph S. David, Bridgeton, Me.	"	April 6, "
Benjamin D. Palmer, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	"	April 11, "
Stephen Wood, Lost Nation, Iowa	"	June 5, "
B. N. Stone, Fryeburg, Me.	"	Aug. 27, "
Eugene D. Daniels, Toronto, Can.....	"	June 3, 1883
Eugene J. E. Schreck, 1718 Green St., Philadelphia, Pa.	"	June 10, "
Andrew Czerny, 215 Catherine St, E. E., Pittsburgh, Pa.	"	June 10, "
William H. Schliffer, Peoria, Ill.	"	June 10, "
Philip B. Cabell, Urbana, O.	"	Sept. 16, "
Samuel C. Elby, St. Louis, Mo.	"	June 1, 1884

AUTHORIZED CANDIDATES AND PREACHERS.

John M. Hibbard, Chauncey P. O., Athens Co., O. ...	Authorized	May 28, 1843
Benjamin Worcester, Waltham, Mass.	"	Oct. 7, 1857
Tobias A. Plantz, Pomeroy, O.	"	Dec. 21, 1870
Charles Cottell, Wilmington, Ill.....	"	Oct. 24, 1874
James White, Auburn, N. Y.....	"	April 13, 1881
Albert P. Schack, 63 Auburn St., Paterson, N. J.....	"	Jan. 1, 1882

Officers and Committees for 1884-5.

PRESIDENT.—REV. CHAUNCEY GILES, 3502 *Hamilton St.*, Philadelphia, Pa.

VICE-PRESIDENT.—REV. JOHN WORCESTER, *Newtonville, Mass.*

SECRETARIES.— { REV. WILLARD H. HINKLEY, *Brookline, Mass.*
 { REV. S. S. SEWARD, 225 *East 32d Street, New York.*

TREASURER.—MR. FRANCIS A. DEWSON, 28 *State Street, Boston.*

Executive Committee.

The President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Treasurer, *ex officio.*

Rev. Chauncey Giles, *Chairman.*

Rev. W. H. Hinkley, *Secretary.*

James P. Baxter, of Maine; Rev. James Reed and Albert Mason, of Massachusetts; Dr. R. C. Moffat, of New York; Rev. F. W. Tuerk, of Canada; W. N. Hobart, of Ohio; Dr. D. C. Cowley, and Julien Shoemaker, of Pennsylvania; Rev. Jabez Fox, of Washington, D.C.; and Alexander Officer, of Illinois.

Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs.

Rev. Joseph Pettee, *Chairman.*

Rev. Theodore F. Wright, *Secretary.*

This Committee consists of all the ministers belonging to the Convention, of whom twelve constitute a *quorum*. (See Minute 66, Journal of 1875.)

Board of Missions.

Established in 1875; consisting of Presiding Ministers of Associations.

Rev. Joseph Pettee, of the Massachusetts Association, *Chairman*. (New-Church Rooms, 169 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass.)

Rev. W. H. Hinkley, of the Massachusetts Association, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Rev. Samuel F. Dike, D.D., Maine Association.

Rev. A. F. Frost, Michigan “

Rev. John C. Ager, New York “

Rev. F. W. Tuerk, Canada “

Rev. Jabez Fox, Maryland “

Rev. E. C. Mitchell, Minnesota “

Rev. W. H. Benade, Pennsylvania “

Rev. John Goddard, Ohio “

Rev. Cyrus Scammon, Illinois “

New-Church Board of Publications.

(Established in 1871. See Journal, Minutes 73, 74.)

R. M. Pulsifer, of Boston, Mass., *Chairman.*

H. W. Guernsey, of New York, *Secretary.*

Mordaunt Bodine, of New York, *Treasurer.*

Other Members of the Board.

James M. Hill,	G. W. Colton,	Rev. W. B. Hayden,
Richard A. Lewis,	Dr. A. E. Small,	C. H. Allen,
D. L. Webster,	H. C. Spencer,	F. J. Worcester.

Directors of the Board of Publication.

(Incorporated April 10, 1883. See Minute 117, Journal 1882.)

R. M. Pulsifer, Boston, Mass., *President*.

H. W. Guernsey, New York City, *Secretary*.

Mordaunt Bodine, " " *Treasurer*.

TERM EXPIRES 1884.

Rev. Jabez Fox,
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James M. Hill,
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Mordaunt Bodine,
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Rev. Albinus F. Frost,
Rev. Chauncey Giles,
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C. H. Allen,
G. W. Colton.

Board of Managers of the Theological School.

Rev. S. F. Dike, D.D., *Chairman*.

TERM EXPIRES 1885.

Rev. Chauncey Giles,
Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D.D.,
Wm. McGeorge, Jr.,
George Ropes.

TERM EXPIRES 1886.

Rev. J. C. Ager,
Rev. Frank Sewall,
Rev. James Reed,
Francis Phelps.

TERM EXPIRES 1887.

Rev. S. S. Seward,
Rev. S. F. Dike, D.D.,
Rev. W. B. Hayden,
William N. Hobart.

Trustees of the Building Fund.

William McGeorge, Jr., Philadelphia, *Chairman*.

George Ropes, Boston, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

TERM EXPIRES 1885.

Rev. W. H. Hinkley,
Job Barnard.

TERM EXPIRES 1886.

George Ropes,
W. N. Hobart.

TERM EXPIRES 1887.

J. Shoemaker,
Wm. McGeorge, Jr.

Trustee of the Rice Legacy.

David L. Webster.

Advisory Committee.—Rev. Joseph Pettee, F. A. Dewson.

(To be used for publication and gratuitous distribution of the works of Swedenborg, the surplus to be divided between the Board of Publications and the Board of Managers of the Theological School. See Journal 1878, Minute 52.)

Trustees of the Rotch Legacy.

Peleg W. Chandler,

Francis A. Dewson.

Appointed by the Testator. (See Journal of 1864, page 51 : to be used for the benefit of the General Convention, but not under its control. See Journal of 1866, pages 49 and 110.)

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Rev. Frank Sewall,

Rev. S. M. Warren,

Rev. L. H. Tafel,

Rev. J. E. Werren.

Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts.

Rev. W. H. Benade,

Rev. S. M. Warren,

Rev. S. H. Worcester,

Rev. J. C. Ager.

Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Rev. F. W. Tuerk, Canada.

Rev. Gustave Reiche, Missouri.

Rev. L. P. Mercer, Illinois.

Rev. J. C. Ager, New York.

C. C. Bonney, “

Rev. John Goddard, Ohio.

Rev. Jabez Fox, Maryland.

S. S. Carpenter, “

Rev. John Worcester, Massachusetts.

Rev. W. H. Benade, Pennsylvania.

Albert Mason, “

John Pitcairn, “

F. A. Dewson, “

Wm. McGeorge, Jr., “

Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D.D., Michigan.

Rev. S. F. Dike, D.D., Maine.

Rev. E. C. Mitchell, Minnesota.

Committee to Solicit Subscriptions for the Latin Works Published by the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society.

Rev. S. M. Warren,

Rev. W. F. Pendleton,

Rev. J. C. Ager,

Rev. P. B. Cabell,

Dr. E. A. Whiston,

Rev. G. N. Smith,

Rev. L. G. Jordan.

To Audit the Treasurer's Accounts.

David L. Webster,

James R. Carter.

Matters Referred to Committees.

Executive Committee.

1. Expenses of members of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution in attending its meetings. (Min. 75, Journal 1883.)
2. Communication from the Allentown, Pa., Society. (Mins. 89 and 90.)
3. Communication from Mr. E. H. Swinney, regarding a home for aged New-Churchmen. (Min. 120.)

Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs.

1. Translation of the Word. (Journal 1877, Mins. 47-49.)
2. Forms for the application of candidates for introduction into the ministry, etc., etc. (Min. 78, Journal 1883.)
3. Insertion of the words "Presiding Minister or" in Sections 19 and 20 of the Constitution. (Mins. 83, Journal 1883; 99, 1884.)
4. Clearer definition of the duties and functions of Presiding Minister. (Mins. 88, Journal 1883; 99, 1884.)

Board of Publication.

1. Sustaining and Permanent Fund for the use of the Board. (Min. 93, Journal 1883.)
2. Suitable persons to become members of the Board. (Min. 102, Journal 1883.)
3. Method of raising funds for the prosecution of its work. (Min. 58.)
4. Statement of its policy and needs. (Min. 69.)
5. Publication of certificates of marriage and baptism. (Min. 109.)
6. Publication of papers on the Planting of the Church in America. (Min. 119.)

Board of Missions.

1. Appropriations to Foreign Missions. (Min. 53.)
2. Method of raising funds. (Min. 58.)
3. Recommendation to raise \$5,000. (Min. 104.)
4. Communication from Osage County, Kansas. (Min. 118.)

Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws.

1. Standing Committee of Presiding Ministers. (Min. 84, Journal 1882.)
2. The new rules on the order of the Ministry. (Min. 145, Journal 1882.)
(See also Report of the Executive Committee, 1882.)

Directory

OF PLACES CONTAINING SOCIETIES, WITH THEIR MINISTERS OR LEADERS.

(Corrections and additions to this list are desired, and may be sent to the Secretaries. *See* By-Laws, Sect. 16.)

ARKANSAS.

Cold Spring, Dr. J. W. McSarrow.
Eureka Springs, Rev. Adams Peabody.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Rev. John Doughty.
San Francisco, Rev. Jos. Worcester.
Oakland, Rev. L. G. Jordan.
Riverside, Rev. B. Edmiston.

COLORADO.

Denver, Rev. R. de Charms.

CONNECTICUT.

Mystic, Rev. Joseph A. Lamb.

DELAWARE.

Wilmington, Rev. J. B. Parmelee.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington City, Rev. Jabez Fox.

GEORGIA.

Savannah, Dr. E. Parsons.

ILLINOIS.

Batavia, Joseph Barton.
Canton, ———
Chicago, Rev. L. P. Mercer.
Chicago (west side), Rev. G. N. Smith.
Chicago (German) ———
Henry } Rev. W. H. Schliffer.
Peoria }
Wilmington, Will Co., Charles Luther.

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OF THE
NEW-JERUSALEM CHURCH.

108TH MEETING.

BOSTON, April 3, 1884.

1. The Association met at ten o'clock, A. M., in the church on Bowdoin Street.

2. Divine worship was conducted by the Rev. Joseph Pettee, General Pastor, who delivered an address on "The Order of Divine Providence in establishing the Churches." [*See New-Jerusalem Magazine* for June, 1884.]

3. The General Pastor took the chair.

4. Credentials of delegates were called for, and the following Roll was prepared:—

MINISTERS.

Joseph Pettee, James Reed, John Worcester, W. H. Hinkley, W. H. Mayhew, T. F. Wright, Warren Goddard, Jr., H. E. Goddard, Richard Ward, J. K. Smyth, D. V. Bowen, J. E. Werren.

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Brookline.—Albert Mason, Albert M. Knight, Rufus K. Wood.

East Bridgewater.—S. W. Paine, H. H. Grant, L. W. Richards, Samuel Shaw, A. B. Parker.

Fall River.—John B. Albrow, Lemuel Pettee, T. D. W. Wood.

Lancaster.—Gardner I. Ward.

Newton.—E. W. Sampson, F. A. Dewson, R. M. Pulsifer, Edwin Field, E. A. Whiston.

Pawtucket, R. I.—Alexander Chaplin.

Providence, R. I.—Thomas Hope, Samuel Darling, Isaac Cartmel, Benjamin A. Jackson, John Daboll, Henry Ashworth.

Salem.—S. M. Cate, Joseph Ropes, J. Augustus Founk, L. P. Noyes.

Springfield.—N. Foster.

Waltham.—Benjamin Worcester.

Yarmouth.—Chauncey Conant, Henry C. Thacher.

5. The Roll was called.

6. Reports were received and read from the Societies in Abington, Boston, Boston Highlands, Bridgewater, Brockton, Brookline, East Bridgewater, Fall River, Newton, Pawtucket, Providence, Salem, Springfield, Waltham, and Yarmouth.

7. In accordance with a vote to that effect, the Report of the Massachusetts New-Church Union was read at the conclusion of the Reports of Societies, and a collection for the Union was then taken up, amounting to \$106.00.

8. Rev. C. H. Mann, of the New-York Association, being present, it was voted that Mr. Mann be requested to take a seat with the Association, and to participate in its deliberations.

9. The General Pastor then presented his Report.

10. The Reports of the Executive Committee, the Missionary Board, the Committee of Ministers, and the Committee on the Ministers' Relief Fund were read.

11. On the subject of the powers to be conferred with ordination, the Executive Committee reported an Article to be adopted

as a part of the Constitution. The Article received a slight amendment, and was then adopted in the following form:—

“Acting under the provisions of the Constitution of the General Convention, the Association directs that a candidate who is ordained into the ministry with its sanction shall be authorized to lead in public worship, to preach the Word according to the heavenly doctrines, to administer the sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper, and the rite of Confirmation, and to consecrate marriages.”

12. The recommendation of the Committee that Mr. F. A. Dewson be requested to assist the General Pastor and Secretary in preparing the Report of this Association to the General Convention, was adopted.

13. Mr. Arthur Burnham presented, on behalf of the Union, the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That the Association request each Society in the Association to choose a committee of not less than three persons, whose duty it shall be to collect funds for the Union, and in every possible way to enhance and enlarge the usefulness of the Union, and of the periodicals of the Church.

Resolved, That the Association request each Society to take up a collection for the Union not later than October of each year.

14. Rev. James Reed moved the adoption of the resolutions. He spoke of the fact that the Union was dependent upon the Societies, and described the mode of raising funds for this purpose practised in the Boston Society.

Mr. Dewson, President of the Union, explained the mode of contribution just adopted by the Newton Society, and dwelt upon the feeling which should prevail throughout the Association in regard to the uses of the Union.

15. At 1, P.M., a recess was taken till 2.15, P.M.

16. At the appointed hour the Association reassembled.

17. The hour of three was fixed for the essay.

18. Discussion of the Report of the Union was continued.

Rev. W. H. Hinkley remarked upon the benefits which he hoped to see result from a fuller participation of the Societies in the general work.

Rev. T. F. Wright spoke of the general uses which have been gradually developed, and expressed the hope that regular contributions would come to be made in all the Societies.

Rev. John Worcester gave some account of the reasons which

have led the Newton Society to adopt the measures referred to in its report. He said that faithfulness in using money for the needs of the Church, was making friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness.

19. The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

20. The Report of the Lancaster Society was read.

21. The invitation of the Providence Society that the next meeting of the Association be held in that city was received, and it was voted that when the Association adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Providence in October next, the day to be decided by the General Pastor and Secretary.

22. Rev. John Worcester gave some account of the distribution by the Lecture Bureau of thirty thousand copies of "Heaven and Hell."

23. The appointed essay was delivered by the Rev. D. V. Bowen on the subject, "Our High Calling." [See *New-Jerusalem Magazine* for June, 1884.]

24. Remarks followed from Rev. T. F. Wright, who regarded the essay as indicating the true spirit of the New Age in respect to man's relation to the Lord; from Rev. James Reed, who suggested the fact that the regenerating soul does not turn from the externals of worship, but rather feels the great value of them, for the city lieth foursquare, and in the soul of every inhabitant the understanding is as fully developed as the will; from Rev. C. H. Mann, who expressed his gratification with the paper, and dwelt briefly upon the need of looking inward and upward in respect to all our work, and of doing it in the one desire to reach and save; he loved humility, and emphasized the need of sympathy in explaining the doctrines and in aiding the inquiring mind; and from Rev. John Worcester, who stated the process of development in the mind by which for a time the acquisition of truth is prominent, but later fruitfulness or usefulness must be the great aim.

25. On motion it was voted that the papers read by the General Pastor and by Mr. Bowen be printed in the *New-Jerusalem Magazine*.

26. The Minutes were read.

27. The 71st Selection was sung, and the General Pastor pronounced the benediction.

28. Adjourned.

JOSEPH PETTEE, *Presiding Minister*.

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary*.

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MISSIONARY BOARD.

Rev. Messrs. Joseph Pettee, W. H. Hinkley, John Worcester, T. F. Wright, and Mr. W. J. Cutler, on the part of the Association; Rev. S. M. Warren, Messrs. Francis Phelps, F. A. Dewson, Albert Mason, and E. A. Whiston, on the part of the Union.

Reports of Societies.

Abington.—J. E. WERREN, *Pastor.*

THE sketch of the condition of our Society which was given in our last year's Report seems to be as truthful now as then. No noticeable change in the life of the Society has taken place, and no unusual event in its history has occurred. From our pastor, Mr. Werren, we have had devoted and intelligent service performed with unsparing assiduity, and with the single purpose of cherishing the spiritual life of his flock. In addition to the regular morning service, which has not been interrupted throughout the year, Mr. Werren has held an evening service, with lecture, upon nearly half the Sabbaths of the year. These have been in three series; the first, during last spring and early summer, continued from the preceding winter, upon the "Book of Revelation"; the second, during November and December, upon the "Second Coming of the Lord"; and the third, beginning in February, and not yet completed, upon the "Sacred Scriptures." Moderately sized audiences assemble at these services, some evenings embracing as many visitors as members of the congregation. The hour is usually a quite peaceful and spiritual one, calling out the feeling as expressed by the apostle: "Lord, it is good for us to be here." Circumstances prevent a still more complete maintenance of the evening service; but all our experience confirms our previously expressed view that an hour's service in the church at the close of the day is the most useful, the most beautiful, and the most blessed way of ending the Sabbath.

The Society has had the joy of receiving two new members into its membership. The pastor is still conducting a confirmation class at the close of the morning service, with a view to giving instruction in preparation for entrance within the Society, but without restricting its membership to those who are ready to declare a desire to enter. What may be the readiness of the members of the present class is not known. That it may seem to each of them a privilege as well as a duty to place themselves in a fuller coöperation with the Church that they may more fully receive its benefits,

and in turn be more useful in promoting its development, is our earnest hope.

Since our last Report one more of our elderly members has been removed to the spiritual world—Mr. Daniel Noyes, numbering more than eighty years of age—and in such a childlike, peaceful, trustful state of mind that he seemed ripe for heaven.

The social activities of the Society seem not to require much mention. We have had occasional pleasant gatherings of old and young together at the vestry, and have depended on our own resources for pleasant evenings. Two sales, with the many pleasant features which always accompany such occasions with us, have been held by the ladies, who are able thereby to look after the special requirements of comfort and comeliness within the church edifice, which are beyond the regular uses to which the treasury of the Society can be devoted.

The Sabbath-school holds its session after the morning service, and is maintained throughout the year, excepting July and August.

Boston.—JAMES REED, *Pastor.*

THE past year has been one of prosperity, and, as we trust, of spiritual growth to our Society, but has been marked by few changes and by no remarkable incidents. There seems to be a growing interest in the study of the doctrines, manifested in the continued large attendance in the doctrinal classes which are held, as heretofore, after the morning service; and we are particularly glad to report an increased interest on the part of our young people, of whom a considerable number have united with the Society during the year.

In this direction the pastor's confirmation class has proved particularly valuable. It is composed partly of young people who have graduated from the Sunday-school, and partly of persons who have come to us from other churches and are desirous of becoming acquainted with our doctrines. While, of course, there is no obligation on the part of any member of the class to unite with the Church, it is understood that the primary object of the class is to give such general instruction in reference to the doctrines as will be a suitable preparation for membership in the Society. Its use is demonstrated by the large attendance, and by the fact that a large proportion of those who have joined the Society dur-

ing the year have come from its ranks. The present average attendance is about fifty.

Besides this class the pastor has charge of a class of about twenty-five ladies who meet every Tuesday for the study of the doctrines.

The meetings preparatory to the Holy Supper are still continued with great interest and profit.

During the winter a series of lectures under the auspices of the Swedenborg Lecture Bureau was delivered in our church, but owing to unfavorable weather and other causes, the attendance was less than had been hoped for. Besides lecturing in our own church our pastor delivered a course of lectures in Cambridge and Malden, and also lectured in Roxbury, Somerville, Brookline, and Brockton. What may be the ultimate results of this broadcast sowing of the seed it is of course impossible for us to know definitely. There seem, however, to be many indications that the time has come for a much wider and fuller reception of the doctrines than has yet taken place, and we cannot but believe that, while much of the seed may fall on stony ground, some will take root and amply repay the efforts of the sower. It is gratifying to know that some direct results of this work have already shown themselves in attracting to our worship persons who had previously been strangers.

The pastor, with the aid of Mr. W. H. Alden, has continued his correspondence with absent members of the Society and those living at a distance. In this way the relations between such members and the Society have been strengthened, and the spiritual life of the Society proportionately increased. We feel that the work thus quietly performed is one of great use not merely to the absent members themselves, but to the Society as a whole.

During the past year ten members of the Society have been removed to the spiritual world, namely: Mary Charlotte Hanson, Joseph A. Woodward, Sarah Applin, Mary Carleton, Henrietta Whorf, Harriet E. Everett, Fanny S. Everett, Hannah Worcester, Abigail A. Haskell, and Nancy Nixon.

Twenty-five persons have joined the Society during this time, and seventeen have applied for admission to membership on the first Sunday in April.

Our pastor has officiated at thirty-one baptisms, twenty-two confirmations, ten marriages, and sixteen funerals.

Boston Highlands.—JULIAN K. SMYTH, *Pastor.*

THE past year has witnessed one of the most important events in the history of this Society. Rev. Julian K. Smyth having ministered very acceptably to the Society for about one year, he was, at a meeting held Feb. 28, 1883, invited to become its pastor; this invitation being accepted, he was accordingly installed May 6. The installation, taking the place of our regular Sunday morning service, was conducted by Rev. Joseph Pettee, assisted by Rev. James Reed, Rev. T. F. Wright, and Rev. J. E. Werren, was very impressive, and very largely attended.

The Society under Mr. Smyth's charge has continued to grow in numbers; and we have good reason to believe that it has made a decided advance spiritually. As there is a notable increase of interest in public worship and the study of the doctrines, we feel well assured that the earnest and arduous efforts of the pastor to "lead his flock like a shepherd to green pastures," have not been unavailing.

During the summer vacation religious services were held regularly, Rev. S. S. Seward and Rev. Edwin Gould preaching for us once each; the rest of the time services were conducted by laymen.

On Thanksgiving Day, Union services were held in the church, conducted by Rev. Messrs. Hinkley, Reed, and Smyth. Christmas was appropriately celebrated by an entertainment, with a tree for the children on Christmas Eve; a notable feature, the same as last year, being the offering by all the children of something, such as they were able to bring, to be distributed to the poor children of Roxbury, which resulted in a large collection of gifts. On Christmas Day, religious services were held in the Church.

We have had during the winter a course of seven lectures, under the auspices of the Swedenborg Lecture Bureau; three of which were delivered by Mr. Smyth, and one each by Messrs. Hinkley, Reed, Wright, and Towle. These lectures were for the most part very largely attended, a large portion of the audiences being outside of our regular congregation. Mr. Smyth has also delivered four Sunday evening lectures at Jamaica Plain, besides several in other suburban places. We are now having, besides our regular services, Vesper services in the church at four o'clock in the afternoon, which consist of selections from the Word, responsive reading, prayers and singing, with extemporaneous remarks by the pastor; these services have proved very interesting. The pastor

is also conducting a confirmation class, which meets every Sunday after the Vesper service.

We have received into the Society twenty-three new members, making our whole number now one hundred and thirty-six. We have an average attendance of about one hundred and forty-nine.

Our Sunday-school is under the efficient management of Mr. Arthur Burnham, and is in a flourishing condition; it holds its sessions immediately after the morning service; it is numbered as follows: teachers, sixteen; scholars, ninety; adult class, thirty-eight. Total, one hundred and forty-four. Average attendance, one hundred and four.

We have had quite a number of social entertainments during the winter, which have been very well attended, and apparently enjoyed by all present. The ladies' annual fair, held in the early part of December, proved to be a very successful one, netting, above all expenses, something over \$900, of which \$439 was appropriated towards the fund for redemption of the debt on the church edifice.

In accordance with a vote passed by the Association, to endeavor to increase the circulation of New-Church publications, this Society chose a committee for the purpose. As a result of their labors, the subscriptions in this vicinity have increased about fifty per cent. on the *Messenger*, and one hundred per cent. on each of the two magazines.

In concluding this Report we can but feel very thankful for the pleasant and prosperous condition in which we find ourselves, and we trust that another year may bring with it equally as good results as the past.

Bridgewater. — THEODORE F. WRIGHT, *Pastor.*

THE year just past has been an eventful one in the history of the Bridgewater New-Church Society. The fiftieth anniversary of its formation was celebrated May 29, 1883.

In the review of such a long life, we recognize the arm of Divine Providence supporting its infancy and guiding its adult life. The interesting description of the "planting of the church and formation of the Society," by Mr. Thomas Cushman,—the only surviving original member,—the graphic and instructive account by the Rev. Samuel H. Worcester of his father's connection with the Society, a peculiarly interesting address by the Rev. John Westall, the con-

cise address of Dr. Lewis G. Lowe, having reference to the ministry of the Rev. T. B. Hayward, and the thoughtful address of our pastor, all helped to make the day one of deep interest and long to be remembered.

A pamphlet has been published containing all the addresses delivered, together with the names of members of the Society, dating from its formation to the date of its fiftieth anniversary.

We have gladly received into our Society during the year eight persons, namely, Edward Washburn, Ida E. Allen, Mark H. Cornell, Nahum Leonard, Phebe J. Leonard, Alice M. Keith, Charles C. Cobb, Annie W. Cobb.

We have to report the largest number of removals to the spiritual world of any year. The mention of their names is alone sufficient to quicken pleasant memories. The firm honesty of our friend Mr. S. Ward Bates, the love and tenderness exercised in the home-life of Mrs. Mary A. Alden, the sweet patience practised under all suffering by Mrs. Lucy Cushman, and the active and helpful participation in church duties, and abiding interest in the Sabbath-school, of Mrs. Mary E. Hooper, make their example helpful, and memory dear.

Of Miss Marietta Keith, who, within a few weeks, has passed into the higher world, we now are privileged to speak the thoughts that her useful and peaceful life have often awakened. In the charity of her daily life we saw reflected the Lord's love, and in her faith was revealed the light of truth which is from God out of heaven.

Our pastor has conducted the services during the year, with the exception of the few weeks of summer vacation, when the Rev. Samuel H. Worcester officiated.

During the past winter Mr. Wright has delivered a course of nine lectures, taking for the general subject, the Word and modern criticisms.

Since the above course was finished, our evening meetings have been held in the lecture-room, and Mr. Wright has given an explanation of portions of the Book of Daniel.

No complete report of our Society can be given without further mention of our pastor; the love shown in his work, the ceaseless activity in the performance of all duties, have made him, under Divine Providence, the means of encouraging and strengthening our Society.

The Sabbath-school meets immediately after the morning service, as in years past. Mr. Wright instructs a large class in the doctrines of the Church concerning the other life, using the work on Heaven and Hell. Dr. Lewis G. Lowe is leader of the adult class.

We take pleasure in testifying to the interest and love of the teachers and pupils in the Sabbath-school work.

Our house of worship has been newly painted during the winter.

The usual attention has been paid to the social life of the Society. The enjoyment and benefit derived from the entertainments provided by the Social Committee, have fully justified their efforts.

In closing our Report we desire to express our deep gratitude for the privileges of the New Age, and earnestly pray that we may be true and faithful members of the Lord's New Church.

Brockton.—HENRY E. GODDARD, *Pastor.*

WE feel that our Society has more than held its own, and is in a more prosperous condition in many things, than it was a year ago. A general unity and harmony exist between people and pastor, proving beneficial to all. The Sabbath-school has steadily increased, interest being manifested by the teachers meeting with the pastor every week for instruction and advice. The adult class, who are studying "Heaven and Hell," under Mr. Goddard, Sr., forms a valued and useful part of the Sabbath exercises.

There has been an endeavor to improve the entertainments, making them of a higher order.

Services have been held during the pastor's vacation, the pulpit being supplied by the Rev. Messrs. Warren Goddard, Sr., John Goddard, and W. H. Mayhew; the Society considering it best for those remaining at home, that they should not be debarred from meeting for public worship.

A committee have it in hand to build a church parlor in the spring, nearly enough funds having been raised for this purpose. An important event for the year has been the course of lectures, given by Rev. Messrs. H. E. Goddard, James Reed, J. K. Smyth, and W. H. Hinkley, on Sunday evenings. These called out large and interested audiences, the church being well filled on most of the evenings.

Since our last Report two of our elder members have passed to the spiritual world: George W. Bryant, Esq., and Mrs. Emily Stoddard.

Mr. Bryant was a strong member of our Society, and a prominent and influential citizen of the town. He was for many years the local magistrate, before whom the larger part of the common suits at law in this community were brought. Afterward, when trial justices were provided for by the legislature, he was commissioned to undertake the duties of this important position, and performed them with much acceptance for quite a series of years. His strong and decided character, his sterling honesty and habits of temperance and industry, have, we believe, done much to give our town its present enterprise and prosperity.

Mrs. Stoddard, widow of the late Robert A. Stoddard, was a lady of superior mind, and has been for many years in delighted reception of the doctrines of that Church which is now descending out of heaven from God; for she was capable of appreciating, in some considerable degree, those truths which prophets and kings have desired to see and have not seen, and to hear and have not heard.

Brookline. — W. H. HINKLEY, *Pastor.*

WITHIN the past year no great changes have taken place in this Society. We have added eight members; an indication of some progress. Our worship has been conducted as usual. After the first Sabbath in July our church is closed until the first Sabbath in September. During the vacation of last summer our pastor preached in Scituate, under the auspices of the Missionary Board of the Association. In the fall there was an increased attendance on our services, larger than for some years past, but the severity of the weather in December diminished the number.

Four lectures were delivered in the church on Sunday evenings during December and January by Mr. George M. Towle, and the Rev. Messrs. Reed and Smyth, and the pastor, under the auspices of the Swedenborg Lecture Bureau. Although the attendance was small, owing in a great measure to the extremely cold weather, yet we are assured that some good was accomplished. About half of those in attendance were not of our congregation. A considerable number of tracts were distributed. We hope to have another course

of lectures in the autumn. It has been our custom for two years to have, in addition to our regular morning service, meetings for religious instruction and social intercourse on Sabbath evenings from September until Christmas, a class for instruction in the doctrines of the Church, principally for young people, from Christmas to Easter, and a Vesper service from Easter until the summer vacation. This diversity has been found agreeable and useful. Our Sunday evening meetings were discontinued earlier than usual last year on account of the lectures.

Meetings for social recreation during the autumn and winter have been provided as formerly, and have been the means of much enjoyment. They have been varied in character. In connection with one of them, and as its principal feature, a bazaar was held for the sale of useful articles, under the management of our Ladies' Aid Society. The sum of three hundred and fifty dollars was realized. It may be said of our social entertainments, that they have been conducive to the increase of good feeling and the strengthening of our attachment to the Church and to one another. No strain has been made to carry them on, and nothing has occurred to lessen their attractiveness.

One of our members has donated five hundred dollars to the Society, which has been applied towards the extinguishment of our church debt.

We are not unmindful of our relation to the Association, and of our duty towards it. Our mode of raising funds for the support of the Union has been by an offering on some Sabbath, during morning service. This offering will be made this year on Easter Sunday. There are thirteen subscribers to the *New-Jerusalem Magazine* in Brookline, and eleven to the *Children's Magazine*. We propose to increase the latter to fifteen.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

East Bridgewater.—T. O. PAINE, *Pastor.*

OUR pastor has preached every Sunday the past year except three, when Rev. Mr. Pettee, Mr. Shurtleff, and Mr. Grant preached.

Although we have not much progress to report as a Society, there has never been a time when the denominations about us

were as kindly disposed towards us as now. As a proof of this, the Orthodox minister invited our pastor to give a lecture in his church on Egyptian hieroglyphs. He lectured on the Egyptian faith in regard to the Resurrection, which is nearly identical with the doctrines of the New Church on that subject. The lecture was well received, and we have heard very many favorable remarks from those people regarding it. Until within a short time the resurrection of the natural body has been taught from that pulpit.

Another circumstance will confirm the above. Our choir have been asked to sing at five funerals the past year where other ministers officiated. One Episcopal, one Methodist, and three Unitarian. In every case we use our own books of worship and sing our chants and hymns. So something of the New Church is acceptable to the people.

Fall River.—JOHN WESTALL, *Pastor.*

OUR services have been held regularly during the year with the exception of the August vacation. Our pastor, on account of ill health, has preached only once for us since the latter part of June. Rev. Messrs. Joseph Pettee, John, Henry E., and Warren Goddard, Jr., have preached once each for us; S. S. Seward and Edwin Gould have preached twice each; W. H. Mayhew three times; and G. F. Stearns four times. Of the theological students, Mr. Wm. L. Worcester has preached once, Mr. Alden twice, and Mr. Hay the remainder of the time. We expect Mr. Hay to continue with us until his vacation commences. The kindness of the ministers and students in assisting us to keep up our Sabbath services is very much appreciated by us, and is gratefully acknowledged. Deaths and removals have thinned our ranks during the last few years, but the attendance at the Sabbath morning worship numbers nearly the same, and is rather larger at the Sabbath-school. Two-fifths of our members now live out of town. But whether we be few or many, the blessing of regular worship on the Sabbath is inestimable, where two or three are gathered together in the Lord's name and he is in the midst of them; for those who do so gather are enabled to learn something of the meaning of the Psalmist when he says, "The law of Thy mouth is better with me than thousands of gold and silver."

Our Sabbath-school is held in the afternoon, and takes the place

of an afternoon service. The pastor is the superintendent. We had a very full Christmas service. In June, at the close of the Sabbath-school year, we had a floral service which was much enjoyed. Each scholar received a bouquet at its close. We expect the baptism of two infants next Sabbath.

Our monthly meeting of the church, and the quarterly preparatory meeting have been held regularly.

Lancaster.—RICHARD WARD, *Pastor.*

REVIEWING the year, we feel many regrets, but still have very much to be thankful for, especially that our ranks remain unbroken,—the first year since our organization that we have not had one or more removals to the spiritual world,—and we have also had accessions. The interest in our Thursday readings seems unabated, and we deem our preparatory lecture of great importance. We have services occasionally Sunday evenings, but it is not as yet an institution. For recreation we have had six social tea meetings. During our pastor's absence we listened with pleasure to the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Pettee, S. S. Seward, S. M. Warren, and C. H. Mann.

Newton.—JOHN WORCESTER, *Pastor.*

THE work of the Newton New-Church Society for the year 1883 has been carried on under the most favorable auspices. An air of general and individual prosperity and happiness has pervaded the Society. Our pastor and his son have developed with happiest results the resources of minds enriched by extended and personal knowledge of the land of the Bible story; and thoughts quickened and elevated by devout contemplation of the scenes of the earthly life of our Lord. Our oldest and wisest members have been continued in health and greater usefulness. We have felt with continually increasing force the influence and example of those who have in recent years gone from us to the other world. Our younger members have been incited to greater activity, as is shown by their participation in our local work, by the formation of classes for instruction, and in their increasing interest in the ways of good and useful life.

The work of the Society is well shown by the reports of the several standing committees. The Committee on Charities, consisting of the officers of the Sewing Society, say in their Annual Report that they have found opportunities for useful work in replenishing their ward in the New-England Hospital, and in preparing supplies for the New-England Hospital, the Homœopathic Hospital, the Industrial Home, as well as for needy families nearer home.

The Committee on Recreations of Charity have been eminently successful in their work. They report "a series of nine social meetings," and say that "their work has been made easy by generous support of the Society. This year, for the first time, a definite sum of money was provided to be used for the social meetings. The people also have opened their houses most generously. The attendance this winter has been unusually large, and the friendly, uncritical spirit of the meetings has made them pleasant, and of real value."

In the Sunday-school there has been an increase in the number of little children, and the formation of another adult class, which the pastor conducts at his house, while the school is opened and the general lesson given by Mr. William L. Worcester. More is attempted in the way of musical culture, and illustrations with maps drawn for the occasion.

Two very radical changes, and worthy of extended notice, have been made in our methods of work: one in regard to our method of collecting contributions, and the other in regard to the time of taking the collection for the Massachusetts New-Church Union. Our contributions have formerly been made by personal solicitation. As a result, the various church uses were performed by a few. Attention was ably called to these things at the annual meeting in March, 1883, with the result of causing much thought on the subject. At the next October meeting our pastor explained fully the advantages to the individual arising from giving to the support of church work, and showed how giving freely, not necessarily large sums, with sympathy and thought, for good uses, conduces to the growth of Christian character, and asked for an expression of opinion as to the best manner of giving. A full and free discussion followed, from which it appeared that all thought the best plan would be to put a suitable box in a convenient place to receive the gifts, the box to bear a placard announcing the object of the con-

tribution, which object should be previously announced from the pulpit. A committee of three was appointed to have charge of the contributions, and to decide when and for what purposes the church be asked to contribute. At the last annual meeting this Committee reported that "in their opinion the question as to the best method of making collections for these purposes has been settled in a practical and satisfactory manner, through the experiment, three times successfully made, of offering to the attendants upon our public worship with sufficient previous notice, the opportunity to contribute voluntarily on the occasions of our weekly morning service on Sunday. Three collections have been made; a fourth will occur Sunday, April 13, and, in due time, among other uses, provision will be made for the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers, the Board of Publication, the General Missionary work of the Convention, the New-Church Tract and Publication Society. A much larger number of individuals expressed and confirmed by their payments their interest in the uses of the Church."

A second change, considered by us of the highest importance, has been successfully introduced. Until this year the contribution for the Massachusetts New-Church Union has been made at the close of the fiscal year of the Union; but for many and most cogent reasons it is best that the contribution be made and the money sent in to the Union at the beginning of its fiscal year, rather than at its close.

Our last contribution for the Union was made October 28, and the next will be made the first Sunday in next July. After that this contribution will be made in April at the beginning of the fiscal year of the Union. We hope that our sister Societies of the Association will unite with us in this change, believing that it can be effected with a little effort, and, when made, will be of very great benefit to the Union.

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Pawtucket.

THE Pawtucket Society commenced the year 1883 quite auspiciously, with Rev. D. V. Bowen as minister, and the congregation manifesting considerable interest in the affairs of the church.

During the month of June we received a present from friends in Brockton, consisting of a pulpit, three chairs, and a Communion

table, which, combined with a new carpet, which was rendered necessary by the use of these things, make our church a very pleasant and attractive place.

Two members, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Lomas, have removed to Woonsocket, but otherwise the working force of the Society remains the same as last year. We have been unable to retain Mr. Bowen longer, as the amount necessary to raise for his salary was a very heavy tax on the few members here. What we shall do in the future is as yet unsettled.

Our average attendance for the year has been twenty-four, and the Communion service administered four times to an average of eleven persons.

Providence.—WARREN GODDARD, JR., *Pastor.*

THE Providence New-Church Society has, during the past year, experienced some rather trying times in its history, but it is gratifying to state that they have been the means of inciting its members and friends to increased exertions in its behalf. The financial problem has been a most trying one; but in spite of a large debt and the falling off of many heavy contributions we have taken up a note of \$1057.00, thus reducing our indebtedness, and effecting a saving in interest. The Sinking Fund has been under the management of the Young People's Society for the past three years, and they are entitled to a good deal of credit for their efforts in reducing the church debt. All social entertainments have been conducted under their management, and the funds realized, together with the quarterly collections have been devoted to the increase of the Sinking Fund. Our Society has received ten new members during the year, and lost two by death and three by withdrawal, leaving the present membership one hundred and four.

The names of new members are: John Daboll, Charles W. Booth, Adelaide Booth, Mabel K. Riley, H. Naomi Richardson, Mary F. Richardson, Emily S. Ballou, Joseph Moore, Chloe P. Moore, Andrew B. Moore. Names of members lost by death are: Sarah Jane Phillips and Elizabeth S. Grinnell. Names of members lost by withdrawal are: Edward C. Ashley, Caroline S. Niver, Lois E. Race.

Our Sunday-school has been in a somewhat unsettled condition owing to the changing of superintendents and teachers; but at the

quarterly meeting of the Society, held April 1, 1884, our pastor was appointed superintendent, and it is hoped that everything will soon be in smooth working order. On the whole, we feel that our Society has taken a step forward, and that pastor and members are becoming more and more closely united in building up the New Church.

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Providence New-Church Society, held April 1, 1884, it was unanimously voted to invite the Massachusetts New-Church Association to meet in Providence October next.

Salem.—D. V. BOWEN, *Minister.*

THERE has been but little change in the condition of the Society during the year.

We have been without a pastor, but have had regular services on the Sabbath, conducted by ministers of the Church and students of the Theological School. Of the former, we were favored with the highly esteemed services of Rev. J. B. Parmelee, during his vacation in July and August; of Rev. Wm. B. Hayden through October, and Rev. S. M. Warren in November and December—four Sabbaths. Rev. Mr. Pettee and others have preached occasionally, but we have had lay reading nearly half the year.

The Rev. D. V. Bowen has preached for us since the first of March, and, much to the gratification of the Society, has accepted an invitation to be our minister for one year, beginning with the present month. This arrangement has inspired us with new hopes and purposes, having obtained by it what we have long and earnestly desired—a resident minister, whose heart we believe to be in the work of leading us in the ways of spiritual life.

The Ladies Society continues its activity in preparing for a stated sale of useful articles, arranging entertainments for the children, and providing monthly tea meetings to which all are invited. By means of their sales they make a large contribution annually to the funds of the church.

Our debt has been diminished four hundred dollars since our last Report.

Of the members of our Society nearly one third reside so far away that they are unable to meet with us for worship.

Waltham. — BENJAMIN WORCESTER, *Leader.*

DURING the past year this Society has been favored with an increase of membership, and has met with no losses. The congregation, however, has suffered the loss of a valued member and friend in the death of Mrs. David P. Worcester, a member of the Boston Society, but for twelve years a resident of Waltham and a constant attendant at worship.

The number present at regular worship has been less than usual, but during the pleasant seasons has been much larger than the general average would indicate.

Services have been held every Sunday during the year with the exception of two. On four days Rev. Joseph Pettee, who visited us to administer the Holy Supper, conducted the morning worship, and on one Sunday Rev. George F. Stearns preached for us.

Last spring the experiment of a Vesper service was tried. These meetings were designed to be of a less formal character than the regular morning services. They consisted of a responsive psalm, a reading from the New Testament and a practical discourse, closing with a hymn. The meetings were much enjoyed by many, the attendance being larger than was expected.

In the fall the Society took a progressive step in which it was probably behind most, if not all the Societies of the Association. Up to this time no invitation to the Communion service further than the simple announcement had been given, it being generally understood that only members of our church were expected to partake. The reasons which led to this practice at the time our customs were formed, have become weakened through changes in the religious thought of other churches, and now recognizing this fact, we voted unanimously that pains should be taken hereafter to prevent members of our congregation desiring to partake with us, from feeling excluded. It was decided also to hold preparatory meetings before the sacrament. This change resulted in instructive and fully attended preparatory meetings and larger attendance at the sacraments.

A series of Wednesday evening meetings has been held the past winter, the meetings being devoted alternately to doctrinal readings and literary subjects. The doctrinal readings have been confined to limited portions of the work on the Divine Providence, a good deal of time being spent in discussing the subject matter.

On the literary evenings the lives of various eminent men in past time have been rehearsed, those attending being expected to learn in advance as much as possible concerning the subject. Though almost every Wednesday evening in the winter was stormy, and the weather has been so bad on several evenings that nobody could go out, the average attendance has been fair, and those who have attended have considered themselves amply repaid for the exertion.

Yarmouth.—WILLIAM H. MAYHEW, *Pastor.*

No change has taken place in the immediate membership of our Society since our last Report. An unusual interruption was occasioned in our public services during the winter by the sickness of the pastor and several members of his family. He was withdrawn from his accustomed duties for four Sabbaths, upon two of which services were suspended, and upon the remaining two were conducted by the Rev. Joseph Pettee and the Rev. T. F. Wright, respectively.

During the months of July and August last we held a series of Vesper services which were well attended, largely by persons not usually worshipping with us. In these services a brief exposition of the genuine meaning of some familiar portion of the Word took the place of a sermon or address. We have reason to believe that these meetings were productive of good, perhaps subserving some of the uses of popular lectures elsewhere.

A class formed by the pastor in the early part of the winter, from the older scholars of the Sabbath-school, has met with him on Sunday evenings for the study of the work on Heaven and Hell. Although these meetings have suffered a good deal of interruption, and the number to attend them has been small, they have proved very interesting and useful.

The Society has received notice of a bequest of ten thousand dollars from the estate of the late Nathaniel S. Simpkins, Jr. Mr. Simpkins was born and reared in Yarmouth, and for some years previous to his decease had been much with us, making here a summer home as far as the care of a very engrossing business would permit him to do so.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PASTOR.

DURING the last year I have been regularly employed in the duties of the office of General Pastor and Missionary of the Association. I have cause of thankfulness to the Heavenly Father for the measure of health which has been granted. I do not remember that during the year it has been necessary in consequence of illness to omit a single duty.

The duties committed to me are many and various. It is not necessary to particularize them, because they are well known.

This Report will be occupied mainly with information in regard to small circles of receivers, and of Societies without regular ministerial services, and I will speak of them in alphabetical order. First, however, as several members of the Theological School have been employed in conducting the services in the places without ministers, to avoid repetition I will mention the names of the students that have been employed. There are seven of them: Messrs. Alden, Croy, Hay, Higgins, Shurtleff, Ward, and Worcester.

E. Woburn.—In my last Report some doubt was expressed in regard to the continuance of the services in this place, at least in the same manner as heretofore. No change has been made, and the aspect of things there at present is encouraging. The services continue regularly, one of the members acting as reader. A principal feature is the Sabbath-school. It consists mainly of children and young persons in the neighborhood, not connected with New-Church families. They manifest a growing interest in the school, which the teachers much enjoy.

Fall River.—As the pastor of the Society, Rev. Mr. Westall, is unable to preach, Mr. Hay has been employed quite regularly since the middle of December to conduct the morning service and assist in the Sabbath-school. He also read one Sunday in October. His services are much valued. It is to be hoped that the year's vacation which has been granted Mr. Westall may result in such a return of health as will enable him fully to resume his duties. He is now at home, and attends to his pastoral work.

Franklin.—Services are held here throughout the year. The removal to the other life of Mr. Woodward, at whose house, several years since, a service was begun, has caused no interruption. The small company of worshippers, in addition to the quarterly

and other occasional visits of the General Pastor, has been supplied eight or nine Sabbaths since our last meeting with readers from the Theological School: Messrs. Shurtleff, Higgins, and Ward. In the absence of such assistance, intelligent and devoted ladies of the company conduct the services. I visited them twelve days since, and with much earnestness they desired me to express their warm gratitude to the Association for the aid rendered them. And I am glad to add that, following the example of Mr. Woodward, who always contributed to the uses of the church, they are in the way of making regular contributions to these uses according to their means.

Kingston.—Since our last meeting, services have been held regularly here. Mr. Hay, excepting on two Sundays when Mr. Higgins, and one when Mr. Ward read, conducted the services, and held a Sunday-school until the middle of December. I have visited them twice since, and Mr. Sloan, a member of the Boston Society, has been the reader.

Mansfield.—Excepting on the occasions of my quarterly visits, and two Sabbaths when Rev. G. F. Stearns preached, Mr. Croy has read and conducted the Sabbath-school; and his services have been much enjoyed.

Pawtucket.—About two years since, this Society, being very desirous of securing the regular services of Rev. Mr. Bowen, and being unable to furnish the salary he needed, applied to our Missionary Board for assistance; and by its recommendation, the Standing Committee of the Union furnished five hundred dollars for a year and three-quarters' services. The financial ability of the Society has been diminished to such an extent by the removal of a member's family to another place, that Mr. Bowen's services there, though highly valued, could not be retained. Since he left, Mr. Higgins has read for them three Sabbaths; and now, Mr. Francis Pratt, a member of the Society, who formerly conducted the services, has again, as I understand, been called to that duty.

Salem.—After a visit of a few weeks by Rev. Mr. Hayden, about the time of our last meeting, this Society employed Rev. Samuel M. Warren for several Sabbaths. Since that time, until within four weeks, Mr. Higgins has been employed as reader. He was succeeded by Mr. Bowen, invited for a single Sabbath. At the close of this he was invited for a second, and so much satisfaction in his work was felt, that, in the course of the week, the Society

invited him for a year at a salary of \$1,200. The invitation was accepted by Mr. Bowen, and he has entered warmly upon his work.

This Society has been much pained by its destitution of a settled minister, and has been extremely desirous of securing one. And it is to be hoped that the engagement which has been entered into for a year will prove so mutually satisfactory, that a permanent union of pastor and Society in earnest church work will result.

Scituate.—The services here begun last summer by Mr. Hinkley, and continued a short time after his visits ceased, by Mr. Alden and the General Pastor, were suspended, and have not been resumed since the last meeting of the Association. As yet the way does not appear to be open for the establishment of a regular service.

Springfield.—Services have been held here regularly since the summer vacation. They have been conducted principally by Mr. Ward. The exceptions are these: in two instances Mr. Ward and Mr. Hay exchanged; in two or three instances Mr. Foster, a member of the Society, read, on account of the illness of Mr. Ward or his family; and my visits have occupied two or three Sabbaths. The morning service here, except on Communion Sundays, is succeeded by the Sabbath-school.

Taunton.—The prospect of regular services here, which was mentioned in my last Report, has been happily realized; and Mr. Munroe's reading is quite satisfactory. I was there two Sundays since, and had an audience of over twenty, as many as the room can conveniently accommodate. Rev. John Worcester has, at my request, kindly loaned a package of his sermons to be used at Taunton.

West Foxboro'.—For some years it has been my custom, after the morning worship, followed by the Communion, at Mansfield, by the kindness of Mr. Hodges, or Mr. Fisher, to be taken some five miles to West Foxboro', to hold a service at the house of the Misses Everett. The special occasion for visits here, exists no longer. The two invalid ladies, members for many years of the Boston Society, departed this life within just four weeks of each other,—the funeral of the first taking place November 24, and of last, December 24.

The services here have been of much interest, not only to the sisters, but also to visitors spending the summer there from New

York, and members of the Franklin circle who frequently came over, and added much to the interest by furnishing the music which the sisters especially enjoyed.

I close with brief statistics:—

Of the number of times I have preached the last year, fifty-three, forty-one have been to circles of receivers not yet formed into Societies, and to Societies without pastors, of which latter there are only four.

Of the forty-one bodies to whom I have administered the Holy Supper, four were Societies without pastors. The sacrament was administered twice to the Connecticut Association at Hartford.

May 6, 1883, I officiated at the installation of Julian Kennedy Smyth as pastor of the Society at Boston Highlands.

April 6, 1883, in accordance with the vote of the Association, I granted to Benjamin Worcester a license to preach for one year.

During the year I have officiated at five baptisms, one confirmation, six funerals, two marriages; and have furnished to the clergy and students of theology one hundred and fourteen volumes of the gift-books.

JOSEPH PETTEE.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD.

THIS Board meets monthly, listens to a report of his recent work by the General Pastor, and consults with him in regard to all matters pertaining to the missionary operations and the needs of those who can be benefited thereby.

It has had under advisement the question of engaging the Rev. G. F. Stearns to do some work for the Association in addition to the special charge of the Mansfield Society, within the limits and vicinity of which he can receive a home and a small salary, and has concluded, after the fullest consideration, to advise the Union of its desire that a sufficient sum be paid Mr. Stearns in addition to his expected receipts at Mansfield to warrant his removal to this State. This undertaking is felt to be of the first importance, not only in its pecuniary aspect which will be seen to demand the close attention of the Association, but also on account of the hope in which the Board indulges, that the ripe experience of Mr. Stearns may enable him to encourage and develop groups and individuals who are scattered all over our territory. In taking so serious a

step as the proposed employment of an additional missionary, the Board would believe that it has consulted the best interests of the Church in our section, and the generous and earnest wishes of our people.

The employment of theological students as leaders has been continued in several places. More students, if at hand, could be engaged in this work which is useful to all concerned. The Board feels and wishes to communicate its conviction that the services of such students will be most useful when the persons ministered to return a small compensation. It cannot conscientiously send students to those who merely accept their services and make no return, for such persons, living with closed minds and purses, can receive no benefit from the Sunday services. It is cordially recommended to all circles and to individuals who do not contribute through the channel of an organized Society to do their part in maintaining our work, lest apathy should lead to their spiritual decay.

Under the auspices of the Swedenborg Lecture Bureau, lectures upon the doctrines of the New Church have been delivered in Malden, Cambridge, Jamaica Plain, Charlestown, Somerville, Newton, Brookline, Roxbury, and Boston. A large number of pamphlets and circulars have been distributed in connection with the lectures. The Bureau has also distributed more than thirty thousand copies of its cheap edition of "Heaven and Hell." The undertaking has met with some friendliness, and much less active opposition than would have been the case a few years ago. But the number of those who are sufficiently interested to take an active part in either the study or the propagation of the truth, is yet quite small. When the time is ripe, no doubt the providence of the Lord will cause the need of the truth to be much more seriously felt; and then will be the opportunity of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH PETTEE, *Chairman.*

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

No matters were referred to this Committee by the Association at its last session, but at the previous session it was voted "that the Executive Committee be instructed to consider and report what change, if any, in our Constitution or Rules is necessary, with regard to the powers to be conferred at ordination." This subject was transmitted by us to the Committee of Ministers for its consideration, and the Report returned by them was to the effect that no change from previous usage was seen to be desirable, but that, as the Constitution of the General Convention now leaves the powers to be conferred with ordination to the direction of the several Associations, it would be well to place in our Constitution the following provision :—

"Acting under the provisions of the Constitution of the General Convention, the Association directs that a candidate who is ordained into the ministry with its sanction, shall be authorized to lead in public worship, to preach the Word according to the heavenly doctrines, to administer baptism and the Holy Supper, and to consecrate marriages."

The Committee would recommend that this article be adopted and inserted in the Constitution.

The Committee has elected Rev. Messrs. John Worcester, W. H. Hinkley, and T. F. Wright, and Mr. Wm. J. Cutler, to serve as members of the Missionary Board on the part of the Association.

The Committee has taken steps to carry out its new duty of choosing the delegates from this Association to the General Convention. It would recommend that Mr. F. A. Dewson be appointed to assist the General Pastor and Secretary in preparing the Report of this Association to the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH PETTEE, *Chairman.*

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS.

THIS Committee has held monthly meetings as usual, and has given attention to subjects of interest in connection with the interests of the Church and the duties of its members.

On the subject of the powers to be conferred at ordination, it was requested by the Executive Committee to present its views, which it did after full consideration.

It has considered, among other subjects, the best form of a Statement of Faith to be used in our Societies, the connection of the Divine Providence with natural calamities and the consequent suffering of innocent persons, the manner in which the Decalogue was originally written, the statements made in the unpublished writings of Swedenborg in regard to historical characters, the use of confirmation and the proper age for receiving it, the meaning of teachings concerning the Divine Form, a doctrinal basis of union with other Christians, the recognition of friends in the future life, the course of general reading most useful to a New-Church minister, the relation of the soul and body, and the advisability of the publication of a sheet giving information of the uses of the Union, with other subjects of interpretation which did not need nor receive much time.

The meetings of the Committee are fully attended, and are felt to be very useful.

In accordance with the rule requiring us annually to revise the list of ministers of the Association, we report the following list:—

General Pastor.

JOSEPH PETTEE.

Pastors and Ministers.

WARREN GODDARD,	WILLIAM H. MAYHEW,
SAMUEL H. WORCESTER,	THEODORE F. WRIGHT,
* JOHN P. PERRY,	STEPHEN JEPSON,
JAMES REED,	WARREN GODDARD, JR.,
T. O. PAINE,	HORACE W. WRIGHT,
JOHN WORCESTER,	HENRY E. GODDARD,
CHARLES A. DUNHAM,	RICHARD WARD,

* JOSHUA T. EATON,	JOHN WESTALL,
SAMUEL M. WARREN,	JULIAN K. SMYTH,
WILLARD H. HINKLEY,	D. VINCENT BOWEN,
JACOB E. WERREN.	

Authorized Preacher.

BENJAMIN WORCESTER.

* Not officiating.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH PETTEE, *Chairman.*

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS.

THE amount reported at the last October meeting as the total amount of the Fund at that date was . . . \$1,605.94
 Since then we have rec'd from Contributions 238.00
 " Interest . . . 91.26

Total \$1,935.20

There have been no disbursements since the last Report, so the above total is the present amount of the Fund in the hands of the Treasurer of the Union.

Should we be called upon to make payments from this Fund to a similar amount as those which were continued for some years previous to 1883, the income of at least \$5,000 would be necessary to meet the call. It is therefore extremely desirable that contributions should be made to this Fund as rapidly as possible, as the sooner the amounts go upon interest, the sooner we shall accumulate the desired amount.

Either member of the Committee will receive and transmit contributions.

WM. J. CUTLER,	} Committee.
E. A. WHISTON,	
R. C. KIMBALL,	

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1884.

NAME OF SOCIETY.	PASTOR, MINISTER OR LEADER.	No. of Members.	Average attendance at Holy Supper.	Average attendance at Worship.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Added to Membership.	Deaths and Removals.	S. S. Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.
Abington	J. E. Werren, Pastor.	72	34	80	7	6	2	2	7	44
Boston	James Reed, Pastor.	643	314	362	31	22	25	24	29	272
Boston Highlands	J. K. Smyth, Pastor.	136	83	149	6	7	23	3	14	128
Bridgewater	T. F. Wright, Pastor.	110	82	175	6	7	8	5	9	125
Brockton	H. E. Goddard, Pastor.	81	55	200	1	1	1	1	12	119
Brookline	W. H. Hinkley, Pastor.	54	48	65	1	5	8	1	7	61
Contoocook, N. H.										
East Bridgewater	T. O. Paine, Pastor.	54	38	90				1	12	48
Fall River	John Westall, Pastor.	26	16	45					6	54
Foxboro' and Mansfield	John T. V. Croy, Leader.	20								
Gloucester	R. K. Rogers, Minister.	10								
Laicester	Richard Ward, Pastor.	38	27	40	13	5	6			
Lowell										
Newton	John Worcester, Pastor.	65	68		5	1	5	2	7	96
Pawtucket, R. I.		14	11	24						
Providence, R. I.	Warren Goddard, Jr., Pastor.	104				10	5			
Salem	D. V. Bowen, Minister.	32	20	40	1				4	26
Springfield	G. I. Ward, Leader.	20	15	28					1	12
Taunton	A. F. Monroe, Leader.									
Waltham	Benj. Worcester, Leader.	34	39	66	2	1	3		6	44
Yarmouth	W. H. Mayhew, Pastor.	34	19						3	24

Total number of members, 1,547

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
NEW-CHURCH UNION.

THE chief function of this body, as indicated in its By-Laws, is "to promote the knowledge of the doctrines of the New-Jerusalem as revealed in the Word, and taught in the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg;" and in doing this, it is to perform such service for the Church as the Massachusetts Association may devise. Your Standing Committee and your President, are charged with the direct execution of these uses, and with the care and management of all property placed in their hands for this purpose.

Your President is especially charged with the duty of making an annual report to the Union in writing, "containing a general account of the doings of the Standing Committee during the previous year, and of the condition and prospects of the Union in its different departments, and also such recommendations, thereupon arising, as may seem to him best."

The performance of this duty is often agreeable and interesting, and again, at times, somewhat discouraging and unpleasant. When the review of a year shows abundance of useful work performed, and eager and hearty interest evinced on the part of the Societies and individuals, from whom must come the necessary supply of means for their performance, the active agents in the work, with a sense that their labor has the sympathy and support of all the Church, look forward with encouraged desire for its continuance; and exactly in the degree that such support is for any reason withheld, will the depression or indifference of the community react upon them. It must also be remembered that they are not here of their own volition, except as the chosen agents of the Church, willing to perform any duty desired of them.

The relation of the Union to the Church and to the community is well understood by all who take any interest in its work. Its uses, too, are well defined, and the execution of them appears to be in all respects satisfactory, so far, at least, as its paid agents are concerned; we hear no complaint from any one in regard to them.

Multiplicity of detail in the performance of our business constantly increases with the increasing activity in all directions re-

garding religious matters, and the care and responsibility of our agents in their practical duties is many times greater than in our earlier years. New opportunities and new demands are constantly pressing upon us, and seem to call for increase rather than reduction of our expenditure. Many such calls are made directly in the course of the transaction of our ordinary business ; others are the result of the operation of your Missionary Board, and of the Conferences of your Committee of Ministers and Executive Committee, and are presented to the Union through their hands.

We are always ready to consider their practical character, and to undertake such as are thus commended, so far as you have expressed to us your desire to have them done, by your contributions. And what have these said to us during the sixteen years of our past experience? In that time we have received and disbursed about \$75,000, or an average for each year of about \$4,700. Of this amount, the portion obtained from purely voluntary contributions is about \$50,500 ; an average for each year of about \$3,150 ; and the remainder has been received either for direct service or from income of invested funds, or profit on book sales. It is a very noticeable fact that while our income from independent sources has very much more than doubled, that from voluntary contributions has fallen off very largely ; though not quite in the same proportion.

The average of five years, beginning with 1870, was \$3,775 ; of the next five years, \$3,260 ; and of the last five years was \$2,570 ; while those for the year just ended were \$2,300—the least, with one exception, of the whole sixteen years.

A table showing the income and expenditure for these years is appended. We present it without comment for such action as may seem best to the Association.

Although the income and the expenditures have varied much from year to year, and we have at times experienced much embarrassment, we have been so far careful stewards as to show a moderate surplus of income as the general result. About \$750 of the \$1,163.54, shown in the table as unexpended, being available for future needs. The remainder should be charged to depreciation in the value of our outfit.

The financial result of the operations of the year ending March 1, 1884, may be summed up as follows:—

Received from Contributions.	\$2,298.34
“ “ Rents and other Income	2,649.37
“ “ Profit on Book Sales	384.98
Deficiency of Receipts	20.54
	\$5,353.23

EXPENDED.

Salary and Expenses, Mr. Pettee	\$1,421.96
“ “ Rooms	2,649.43
Missionary work	578.67
General Convention	216.30
Interest allowed Funds.	93.52
Insurance on Library and Furniture	36.00
Journals and other Printing	109.67
Binding Books	30.45
Carpets and Furniture	217.23
	\$5,353.23

In addition to these expenditures we have thought best to charge off a bad debt of \$579.09, which lent an appearance of fictitious value to our list of assets.

TABLE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES.

Year ending March.	Vol'y Con's about.	Other Income.	Total Income.	Expenses.	Losses.	Total Payments.
30, 1869	\$2,500	\$388.83	\$2,888.83	\$2,693.90		
29, 1870	4,100	1,503.35	5,603.35	5,300.64		
28, 1871	3,460	1,552.30	5,012.30	5,706.39		
26, 1872	3,950	1,685.87	5,635.87	5,424.36		
25, 1873	4,075	2,496.76	6,571.76	4,845.97		
31, 1874	3,300	682.34	3,982.34	5,240.39		
30, 1875	3,900	945.83	4,845.83	5,198.80		
22, 1876	3,190	197.57	3,387.57	4,763.33		
26, 1877	3,050	1,278.96	4,328.96	4,172.68		
30, 1878	3,970	639.38	4,609.38	3,970.30		
25, 1879	2,200	1,122.24	3,322.24	3,497.28		
30, 1880	2,485	1,927.03	4,412.03	3,016.85		
29, 1881	2,470	1,704.31	4,174.31	3,754.62	\$700.00	on Magazines.
1, 1882	2,990	2,548.87	5,538.87	4,301.21		do.
1, 1883	2,610	3,091.07	5,701.07	4,038.31	1,062.76	do.
1, 1884	2,300	3,032.69	5,332.69	5,316.98	579.09	bad debts.
	\$50,550	\$24,797.40	\$75,347.40	\$71,842.01	\$2,341.85	\$74,183.86
				Unexpended Income..		1,163.54
			\$75,347.40			\$75,347.40
Average....	\$3,160	Average....	\$4,709.21		Average....	\$4,636.49

An additional fund amounting to \$4,250 has been placed in our hands by Mr. Timothy Mitchell, of East Bridgewater, the income of which will accrue to the benefit of that Society upon the death of himself and wife.

The sum of \$500 has been added to our permanent funds by the Trustees of the will of the late Moses Day, of Boston, who left a large sum to be devoted to religious and educational uses.

The building in which our permanent funds are nearly all invested is a profitable source of income to us, being filled with desirable tenants, and yielding net about six per cent. upon the amount it cost us; in addition to which we have the free use of all the room we occupy, worth at least \$1,500 per annum if rented.

Our general uses have been maintained with unusual activity, and we have needed the relief to the Rooms of the removal of the Theological School to a part of the building now devoted to its especial use.

Two hundred and twenty-three meetings of various church bodies, large and small, have been held here during the year.

No record is now kept of the number of visitors to the Rooms, as there is not sufficient leisure to attend to this interesting though not important detail; it is, however, not less than in previous years.

The use of the library has increased about twenty per cent.; one thousand two hundred and thirteen volumes having been circulated, of which two hundred and sixty-three were works of Swedenborg. Twenty-six volumes have been added to the Circulating, and forty-nine volumes to the Reference Library, since the last Report.

The sales of books have very largely increased, amounting to \$2,751.43 this year as against \$1,468.95 last year.

Rev. John Worcester's "Journey in Palestine" has been published by us, and we are about to issue a new and revised edition of his "Animals of the Bible."

The work of the Swedenborg Lecture Bureau, and its relation to us, was referred to very fully in the October Report. Its effects are constantly manifested to our agents, and have added much to our own duties and labors.

We have to report no considerable change in regard to either the *New-Jerusalem* or the *Children's Magazine*. The former has gained seventy-six and lost eighty subscribers; the latter has gained one hundred and twenty-two, and lost one hundred and

forty-six during the year. A resolution, requesting every Society in the Association to appoint a committee for the purpose of maintaining and increasing our subscription to these magazines, was passed by the Association in April last; so far as we are aware, it has borne little or no fruit except in one instance,—the Society in Roxbury having more than doubled its previous number of subscribers through the exertions of its Committee.

The establishment of our printing-office has proved a complete success, whereby the cost of the magazines has been greatly lessened, and their appearance much improved; while the convenience of having all the details in our own hands has greatly lessened the labor of publication. A large amount of work has been done for the general Church; three of the Convention's "Manuals of Religious Instruction," as well as its Journal, passing through the office; also much work for its Theological School, and for other parties.

In the month of February the Standing Committee, feeling the need of more frequent communication with the members of the Association, decided to issue to them the little message entitled *Our Church Uses*. One thousand six hundred copies of this paper were circulated, and the Committee of Ministers were requested to express an opinion as to its usefulness. Their reply was so far favorable that the Committee has voted to issue a number every three months, namely, in April, July, October, and January, during the coming year.

The Missionary Board has expressed to us its desire to employ Rev. G. F. Stearns during the coming year as an assistant missionary and colporteur, to reside at Mansfield and preach there a part of the time, and has requested us to provide for him a suitable compensation; this we desire to do, but can take no action until we see more clearly what are likely to be our resources for the coming year. The appropriation for the missionary work last year was \$578.67, which must be more than doubled if we comply with the request. We believe the Church in Massachusetts desires to do all that it can be properly asked to do in these uses. But we do not as yet sufficiently realize the importance of organized action in regard to them; it is probable that less than one-tenth part of our members contribute to their support. Every Society should regard it as much a duty to attend to this matter, as to have the Church put in order for the Sunday worship; it is now left to

anybody who will, to attend to; it should be the duty of the Executive Committee of each Society to see that a collection or subscription be made early in each year for this special purpose, in which not the rich individual alone, but every one with his mite shall take a part; and thus a full, living interest in the general work, which is not less important than the Society work, may be created and developed, which will give us the power for good in the community, to which we may aspire, in just so far as our love for the truth and life of the Church shows itself to be genuine and unselfish.

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, *President.*

TREASURER'S

DR.		A. M. KNIGHT, TREASURER, <i>in account with</i>	
1883.			
Feb. 28.	To Cash on hand.....		\$206.13
April 5.	“ Collection at Association Meeting.....	\$76.50	
Oct. 11.	“ “ “ “	79.41	
			155.91
	“ Amt. rec'd from Boston Society.....	250.00	
	“ “ “ Ladies' Reading Class	27.00	
	“ “ “ Harvard Biblical Club	10.00	
			287.00
	“ Contributions; —		
	Boston.....	1,129.00	
	Newtonville.....	349.00	
	Bridgewater	100.00	
	Waltham.....	30.00	
	Abington.....	38.75	
	Fall River.....	37.50	
	Yarmouth.....	50.78	
	Conn. Association	35.00	
	Springfield	3.00	
	Salem.....	24.00	
	Franklin	19.00	
	Kingston.....	12.00	
	Boston Highlands	50.00	
	Brockton.....	102.00	
	Stoneham	25.50	
	Brookline	45.00	
	Lancaster	16.80	
	Worcester.....	2.50	
	East Bridgewater	1.00	
	Lowell.....	3.25	
	Sundries	31.35	
			2,105.43
	“ Rents, Jenkins Building	4,091.66	
	Less Taxes, Interest, Repairs, and Sundry		
	Expenses	1,692.29	
			2,399.37
	“ Book sales Profits		384.98
	“ Decrease in Balance of Debts due		
	Mch. 1, 1883.....	877.40	
	“ 1, 1884.....	94.89	
			782.51
			<u>\$6,321.33</u>
1884.			
Mch. 1.	To Balance Cash on hand		\$4.54

DR. NEW-JERUSALEM MAGAZINE.

1883.		
	To Cost of Printing and Mailing, Editorial Expenses and	
	Advertising	\$1,436.17
	“ Balance	14.00
		<u>\$1,450.17</u>

REPORT.

The Massachusetts New-Church Union.

1884.

CR.

Feb. 29.	By Cash paid Rev. Jos. Pettee, Salary	\$1,200.00	
	Expenses.....	221.96	
			1,421.96
"	" E. A. Whiston.....	1,600.00	
"	" Miss S. E. Wyeth.....	550.00	
"	" Wages of man.....	178.30	
			2,328.30
"	" Expenses at Rooms.....		321.13
"	" Cost of April Journal of Ass'n....	67.17	
"	" " October " "	28.00	
			95.17
"	" Insurance, (Furniture and Library)		36.00
"	" Assessment of General Convention		216.30
"	" Cost of sending <i>Doctrine of the Sacred</i> <i>Scripture</i> to Clergy.....		18.20
"	" Cost of New Floor in Rear Room.		102.00
"	" " Carpeting and Rugs.....		78.98
"	" " Binding Library Books		30.45
"	" " Printing "Our Church Uses"		14.50
"	" " New Stove for Rear Room.		20.00
"	" " Pedestal for Bust		16.25
"	" Balance of Interest Account.....		93.52
"	" By order of Missionary Board		560.47
"	" Bad Debt charged off.....		579.09
"	" Difference in Stock of Books on hand.		
	Mch. 1, 1884.....	1,509.82	
	Mch. 1, 1883.....	1,125.35	
			384.47
	Cash on hand		4.54
			<u>\$6,321.33</u>

NEW-JERUSALEM MAGAZINE.

CR.

1883.

Mch. 1.	By Balance	\$91.35
	" Cash for Subscriptions and Advertisements.....	1,358.82
		<u>\$1,450.17</u>

1884.

Mch. 1.	By Balance.....	\$14.00
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DR. CHILDREN'S NEW-CHURCH MAGAZINE.

1883.			
Mch. 1.	To Balance	\$87.32	
	“ Cost of Printing and Mailing, Editorial Expenses and Advertising	739.54	
		<u>\$817.86</u>	
1884.			
Mch. 1.	To Balance.....	\$83.35	

DR. AGED MINISTER'S FUND.

1883.			
Mch. 1.	To Balance	\$65.30	
	“ Expenditures on account of this Fund	13.62	
	“ Balance	39.38	
		<u>\$118.30</u>	

DR. TRACT FUND.

1883.			
	To New-Jerusalem Magazine to Theological Schools.....	\$26.80	
		<u>\$26.80</u>	

DR. LIBRARY FUND.

1883.			
	To Cash for Books.....	\$156.16	
	“ Balance	915.66	
		<u>\$1,071.82</u>	

DR. SCITUATE SUNDAY-SCHOOL FUND.

1884.			
	To Cash paid for Missionary Services at Scituate	\$141.78	
	“ Balance	1,100.18	
		<u>\$1,241.96</u>	

1884.]

of the New-Jerusalem Church.

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CHILDREN'S NEW-CHURCH MAGAZINE.

CR.

1883.

By Cash for Subscriptions	\$734.51
" Balance	83.35
	<u>\$817.86</u>

AGED MINISTER'S FUND.

CR.

1883.

By Cash, Contributions	\$118.30
	<u>\$118.30</u>

1884.

Mch. 1. By Balance.....	\$39.38
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TRACT FUND.

CR.

1883.

Mch. 1. By Balance	\$26.30
" Cash, Contribution.....	.50
	<u>\$26.80</u>

LIBRARY FUND.

CR.

1883.

Mch. 1. By Balance.....	\$1,001.86
" Cash, Sundries.....	9.85
" Income, Interest	60.11
	<u>\$1,071.82</u>

1884.

Mch. 1. By Balance.....	\$915.66
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SCITUATE SUNDAY-SCHOOL FUND.

CR.

1883.

Mch. 1. By Balance.....	\$1,171.66
" Income, Interest.....	70.30
	<u>\$1,241.96</u>

1884.

Mch. 1. By Balance	\$1,100.18
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DR.

TIMOTHY MITCHELL FUND.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE EAST BRIDGEWATER SOCIETY.

1884.

To Balance	\$6,552.63
	<u>\$6,552.63</u>

DR.
1884.

SEARLE FUND FOR AGED MINISTERS.

To Balance	\$1,935.20
	<u>\$1,935.20</u>

DR.

TIMOTHY MITCHELL PERSONAL FUND.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF EAST BRIDGEWATER SOCIETY AFTER DEATH OF
MR. AND MRS. MITCHELL.

1883.

To Amount transferred to Mitchell Fund by request of T. Mitchell.....	\$715.60
" Cash paid T. Mitchell.....	56.29
" Balance	4,250.00
	<u>\$5,021.89</u>

DR.
1884.

SUNDRY FUNDS.

To Balance	\$41,701.02
	<u>\$41,701.02</u>

DR.

STOCK ACCOUNT.

1884.

Mch. 1. Cash on hand	\$4.54
Books on Sale.....	1,509 82
Balance of Debts due	94.89
Libraries	2,350.00
Furniture.....	933.50
Profit and Loss.....	563.38
	<u>\$5,456.13</u>

TIMOTHY MITCHELL FUND.

CR.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE EAST BRIDGEWATER SOCIETY.

1883.

Mch. 1.	By Balance	\$4,737.00
	“ Additional amount received from T. Mitchell.....	715.60
	“ House and land at Satucket, conveyed by T. Mitchell...	1,000.00
	“ Accumulation of Interest	100.03
		<u>\$6,552.63</u>

1884.

Mch. 1.	By Balance.....	\$6,552.63
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SEARLE FUND FOR AGED MINISTERS.

CR.

1883.

Mch. 1.	By Balance.....	\$1,520.94
	“ Cash, Contributions	323.00
	“ Income, Interest.....	91.26
		<u>\$1,935.20</u>

1884.

Mch. 1.	By Balance.....	\$1,935.20
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TIMOTHY MITCHELL PERSONAL FUND. *

CR.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF EAST BRIDGEWATER SOCIETY AFTER DEATH OF

MR. AND MRS. MITCHELL.

1883.

	By Amount received and placed on deposit.....	\$5,021.89
		<u>\$5,021.89</u>

1884.

Mch. 1.	By Balance.....	\$4,250.00
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SUNDRY FUNDS.

CR.

1883.

Mch. 1.	By Balance.....	\$5,942.44
	“ Jenkins Fund (no change).....	30,385.88
	“ Thomas Fund “	4,872.70
	“ Moses Day Fund, (new)	500.00
		<u>\$41,701.02</u>

1884.

Mch. 1.	By Balance	\$41,701.02
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STOCK ACCOUNT.

CR.

1883.

Mch. 1.	Cash on hand	\$206.13
	Books on Sale.....	1,125.35
	Balance of Debts due	877.40
	Libraries.....	2,350.00
	Furniture.....	897.25
		<u>\$5,456.13</u>

1884.

Mch. 1.	By Balance	\$4,892.75
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DR.	TRIAL BALANCE.	CR.
Mass. N. C. Union Building, \$50,000.00	Stock Account.....	\$4,892.75
Mortgage, Scituate..... 2,600.00	Jenkins Fund.....	30,385.88
Children's Magazine..... 83.35	Scituate Sunday-School Fund	1,100.18
Reference Library..... 1,850.00	Aged Ministers Fund.....	39.38
Circulating "..... 500.00	Thomas ".....	4,872.70
Furniture and Fixtures..... 933.50	Scituate ".....	5,000.00
Abington Savings Bank..... 1,400.00	Emerson ".....	200.00
E. Bridgewater "..... 1,000.00	Mitchell ".....	6,552.63
Fall River "..... 1,074.14	Searle ".....	742.44
Suffolk "..... 1,000.00	Searle Fund for Aged Min...	1,935.20
Citizens' Fall River Sav. Bk. 1,738.77	Library Fund.....	915.66
Boston Five Cent "..... 1,320.19	Mitchell Personal Fund.....	4,250.00
Plymouth Savings Bank 1,000.00	Moses Day ".....	500.00
Hingham "..... 1,269.53	Mortgage.....	9,500.00
Printing Office Equipment... 1,616.81	New-Jerusalem Magazine ..	14.00
Satucket House and Farm .. 1,000.00		
Books on Sale..... 1,509.82		
Cash..... 909.82		
Balance of Accounts due.... 94.89		
	\$70,900.82	\$70,900.82

Examined and found correct.

A. M. KNIGHT, *Treasurer.*

JOHN A. THOMPSON, }
ARTHUR BURNHAM, } *Auditors.*

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

CONSTITUTION.

1. THIS Association shall be called THE MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF THE NEW-JERUSALEM CHURCH.

2. The Societies composing it are the Boston, Bridgewater, Abington, East Bridgewater, and North Bridgewater Societies, and any other Societies of the New-Jerusalem Church admitted by vote of the Association.

3. The acting members of its meetings shall be its Ministers, and Delegates duly chosen by the Societies.

4. The Ministers of the Association shall be the General Pastor, the Pastors and Ministers of the Associated Societies, and any other Ministers recognized as such by the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, who reside within the limits of the Association. Acting under the provisions of the Constitution of the General Convention, the Association directs that a candidate who is ordained into the ministry with its sanction, shall be authorized to lead in public worship, to preach the Word according to the heavenly doctrines, to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper and the rite of Confirmation, and to consecrate marriages.

5. Each Society shall be entitled to three Delegates, and one additional Delegate for every twenty-five members, until the number of members exceeds one hundred; beyond which number, fifty additional members shall be required to confer an additional Delegate.

6. All members of the Associated Societies, in good standing in the same, may be present at, and take part in, the deliberations of the meetings; and may be appointed on Committees and charged with other duties by the Association.

7. The Officers of the Association shall be a General Pastor and a Secretary, together with a Committee of Ministers, an Executive Committee, a Missionary Board, and a Committee on Religious Education.

8. The General Pastor shall hold his office by a tenure similar

to that of the Pastor of a Society. He shall have a general supervision over the affairs of the Association, shall preside at meetings of the Association, and shall have authority to call special meetings thereof, to alter the time and place of holding meetings, and to convene the Committee of Ministers and the Executive Committee at his discretion.

9. The duties of the Secretary shall be those usually pertaining to that office.

10. The Committee of Ministers shall consist of all the Ministers of the Association.

11. The Executive Committee shall consist of the General Pastor and the Secretary, and of twelve Ministers and twelve Laymen to be elected annually. It shall act, in conjunction with the General Pastor, on all matters relating to the ordination of Ministers, the authorization of preachers when the General Pastor has not sole jurisdiction under the rules of the Convention, and on the application of Societies for institution and for their admission into the Association. This Committee shall act with the authority of the Association, and have a general superintendence of its affairs, in the interim of its meetings. It shall prepare business for the action of the Association, and shall hold meetings by previous appointment, or at the call of the General Pastor, or at the call of any five members of the Committee. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

12. The General Pastor, and four other persons, to be appointed annually by the Executive Committee, shall, with five other persons, to be appointed by the Standing Committee of the Massachusetts New-Church Union, together constitute the Missionary Board of the Association and Union. This Board shall have the entire charge and control of all the missionary and colportage work, and the appointment and direction of the persons by whom it is performed; but the compensation of such agents shall be fixed by the Standing Committee of the Union.

13. The Committee on Religious Education shall consist of five members, who shall be elected annually; and it shall be their duty to consider and report from time to time upon subjects connected with religious education.

BY-LAWS.

1. THIS Association shall meet semi-annually in April and October.

2. The Order of Proceedings at meetings of the Association shall be:—

1. Divine Worship.
2. Collection for the Massachusetts New-Church Union.
3. Calling the Roll.
4. Reports of Societies (in April).
5. Election of Officers (in October).
6. Report of General Pastor.
7. Report of Missionary Board.
8. Report of Executive Committee.
9. Report of Massachusetts New-Church Union.
10. Report of Committee of Ministers.
11. Report of Committee on Religious Education.
12. Reports of Special Committees.
13. Unfinished Business.
14. New Business.

3. All Reports of Committees shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the Chairman or a majority of the Committee.

4. All resolutions shall be in writing; and any motion shall be reduced to writing, and presented to the Chair, if desired.

5. At the close of each meeting, the Journal of its proceedings shall be read.

6. The Journal of each meeting, together with such Reports and other documents as the meeting may direct, shall be printed by the Secretary in such manner as the Association shall from time to time direct; but when a document is abridged for the purpose of publication, the Secretary shall preserve a copy of the original.

7. Each Society shall report to the April meeting of the Association, its statistics for the year, together with such other information as ought to be laid before the Association.

8. The Executive Committee shall elect the delegates to represent this Association in the General Convention, and the delegates thus selected shall be authorized to fill any vacancies which may exist in their number.

9. The Committee of Ministers shall annually revise the list of ministers, and report the same to the Association.

10. When the application of a Society for admission into this Association is granted, if delegates from the Society be present, they shall be received by the Presiding Officer in a manner similar to that in which he would receive members into a Society.

11. In case any question arises as to the respective duties or jurisdiction of the Association and Union, a convention shall be called upon the request of either body, to consist of the Standing Committee of the Union, and the Executive Committee of the Association; and the action of such convention shall be considered final, until annulled or modified by the Association or the Union.

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NEW-JERUSALEM CHURCH.

109TH MEETING.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., October 9, 1884.

1. The Association met at ten o'clock in the church of the Providence Society.
2. Divine worship was conducted by the Rev. Joseph Pettee, General Pastor, who preached a sermon from EZEKIEL xlviii. 35.
3. The collection for the Union amounted to \$60.
4. The General Pastor took the chair.
5. The credentials of delegates were called for, and the following roll was prepared:—

MINISTERS.

Joseph Pettee, John Worcester, George F. Stearns, W. H. Hinkley, W. H. Mayhew, T. F. Wright, W. Goddard, Jr., H. E. Goddard, Richard Ward, John Westall, J. K. Smyth.

DELEGATES.

Abington.—Lucius Faxon, Jacob B. Cobb, Joseph Pettee, Jr., William Faxon, John Hyslop.

Boston.—D. L. Webster, Francis Phelps, Charles Harris, Wm. J. Cutler, Thomas Doliber, Charles M. Reed, G. T. Hawley, Gilbert Hawkes, George L. Taft, David Whittemore, E. W. Shurtleff,

Horace Smith, E. W. Cutler, James A. Young, J. F. Giles, F. L. Higgins, A. F. Webster, T. M. Dillingham.

Boston Highlands.—C. T. Dunham, Arthur Burnham, John A. Thompson, W. B. B. Child, S. S. Smith, Jr., Horace P. Chandler, J. S. Conant.

Bridgewater.—Thomas Cushman, Julius Thompson, Cyrus A. Lewis, H. B. King, E. H. Sprague, L. G. Lowe.

Brockton.—Lyman Clark, R. C. Kimball, B. F. Battles, Davis Copeland, C. L. White, J. W. Packard.

Brookline.—D. H. Rogers.

East Bridgewater.—Alfred B. Parker, Minot C. Shaw, Simeon W. Keene, Samuel Shaw.

Fall River.—John B. Albro, T. D. W. Wood, John Dixon.

Foxborough and Mansfield.—S. P. Hodges, Mrs. Ruth Shepard.

Lancaster.—Gardiner I. Ward.

Newtonville.—F. A. Dewson, Edwin Field, S. A. Schoff, Wm. L. Worcester.

Pawtucket.—Francis Pratt, Alexander Chaplin, Job Taylor.

Providence.—Samuel Darling, E. M. Tyler, C. F. Corey, Hugh Cranford, Benjamin A. Jackson, D. L. Daboll, Clarence Manchester.

Waltham.—Joel Shedd, Mrs. Joel Shedd, Miss M. E. Shedd.

Yarmouth.—N. S. Simpkins, Frederick Matthews, H. C. Thacher, James Park.

6. The Roll was called.

7. The following were appointed a Committee to nominate officers: Rev. W. Goddard, Jr., Rev. W. H. Hinkley, and Mr. D. L. Webster.

8. Reports were read from the Missionary Board, the Executive Committee, and the Committee of Ministers.

9. Mr. F. A. Dewson presented the Report of the Massachusetts New-Church Union.

10. Reference was made to the subjects brought forward in the Report by Messrs. Wright, Worcester, Stearns, and Dewson. Mr. Dewson asked for information in regard to continuing the publication of *Our Church Uses*.

11. On motion, the Executive Committee was instructed to consider this subject, and to advise with the Standing Committee of the Union.

12. Rev. John Worcester read the Report of the Committee on Religious Education.

13. Rev. John Westall spoke of the importance of the instruction to be given by Mr. Worcester to Sunday-school teachers in Correspondences, which had been spoken of in the Report. Mr. Dewson gave some lessons of experience in regard to the teaching of this subject, and expressed his belief that the Normal Class was an evidence of marked progress. Mr. Wright spoke of the opportunity now presented and of the need of embracing it. Mr. W. Goddard, Jr., remarked upon the subject as vital to the development of the New-Churchman. Mr. H. E. Goddard spoke encouraging words to the Sunday-school teachers.

14. It was voted that the Reports which had been presented be printed with the Journal.

15. The following, offered by Rev. John Westall, was then adopted:—

Resolved, That this Association has heard with pleasure the Report of the Committee on Religious Education, and is pleased to learn that the work of the Normal Class will be continued, and that the subject of Correspondences will be taken up the coming season.

16. Mr. Dewson gave information as to who were eligible for membership in the Union, and presented the book of the Union for signatures.

17. At one o'clock a recess was taken till two.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

18. The Association reassembled at two o'clock, Rev. John Worcester in the chair.

19. The Nominating Committee reported the following list, which was by vote confirmed:—

For Secretary.—Rev.^s Theodore F. Wright.

For Elective Members of Executive Committee.—Rev. Messrs. James Reed, T. O. Paine, John Worcester, S. M. Warren, W. H. Hinkley, W. H. Mayhew, Warren Goddard, Jr., H. E. Goddard, Richard Ward, John Westall, J. K. Smyth, and J. E. Werren; and Messrs. Albert Mason, D. L. Webster, F. A. Dewson, Thomas Hope, Lyman Clark, Lucius Faxon, Wm. J. Cutler, Francis Phelps, Lewis G. Lowe, C. T. Dunham, George T. Hawley, and John A. Thompson.

For Committee on Religious Education.—Rev. John Worcester, Rev. W. H. Mayhew, Mr. J. T. Prince, Rev. W. Goddard, Jr., and Mr. A. M. Knight.

For Committee on the Fund for Disabled Ministers.—Messrs. R. M. Pulsifer, E. A. Whiston, and R. C. Kimball.

20. On motion of Mr. D. L. Webster, it was voted that the next meeting be held on the day of the Annual Fast in April next, in the church of the Boston Society.

21. Rev. J. K. Smyth presented, on behalf of the Boston Highlands Society, an invitation that the meeting to be held next Autumn take place in the Church of that Society.

22. Rev. W. H. Hinkley then addressed the Association, giving an account of his recent visit to Sweden, and stating the conclusions at which he arrived in regard to the best course to be pursued in erecting a memorial church.

Many questions were asked to which Mr. Hinkley replied.

23. It was voted that the Association recommend to the Societies that a contribution for this purpose be made on the first Sunday in November, or on the first convenient Sunday thereafter.

The 71st Selection was then sung, and the Association adjourned.

T. F. WRIGHT,
Secretary.

JOSEPH PETTEE,
General Pastor.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

General Pastor.—Rev. Joseph Pettee, Abington.

Secretary.—Rev. Theodore F. Wright, Bridgewater.

Committee of Ministers.—Rev. Messrs. Joseph Pettee, Warren Goddard, S. H. Worcester, J. P. Perry, James Reed, T. O. Paine, John Worcester, C. A. Dunham, George F. Stearns, S. M. Warren, W. H. Hinkley, T. F. Wright, W. H. Mayhew, Stephen Jepson, W. Goddard, Jr., H. W. Wright, H. E. Goddard, Richard Ward, John Westall, J. K. Smyth, D. V. Bowen, and J. E. Werren.

Executive Committee.—The General Pastor and the Secretary, *ex officio*. Rev. Messrs. James Reed, T. O. Paine, John Worcester, S. M. Warren, W. H. Hinkley, W. H. Mayhew, Warren Goddard, Jr., H. E. Goddard, Richard Ward, John Westall, J. K. Smyth, and J. E. Werren; and Messrs. Albert Mason, David L. Webster, Thomas Hope, F. A. Dewson, Lyman Clark, Lucius Faxon, Wm.

J. Cutler, Francis Phelps, Lewis G. Lowe, C. T. Dunham, George T. Hawley, and John A. Thompson.

Committee on Religious Education.—Rev. John Worcester, Rev. W. H. Mayhew, Mr. J. T. Prince, Rev. W. Goddard, Jr., and Mr. A. M. Knight.

Committee on the Fund for Disabled Ministers.—Messrs. R. M. Pulsifer, E. A. Whiston, and R. C. Kimball.

OFFICERS OF THE UNION.

President.—Mr. Francis A. Dewson.

Secretary.—Mr. Arthur Burnham.

Treasurer.—Mr. Albert M. Knight.

Directors.—Messrs. George B. Davis, H. P. Chandler, George Ropes, J. A. Thompson, R. M. Pulsifer, Lyman Clark, Albert Mason, Charles Harris, C. W. Barron.

MISSIONARY BOARD.

Rev. Messrs. Joseph Pettee, W. H. Hinkley, John Worcester, T. F. Wright, and Mr. W. J. Cutler, on the part of the Association. Rev. S. M. Warren, Messrs. Francis Phelps, F. A. Dewson, Albert Mason, and E. A. Whiston, on the part of the Union.

Reports.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD.

THIS Board, having in charge the missionary or church extension interests of the Association, now consists of Rev. Messrs. Joseph Pettee, John Worcester, W. H. Hinkley, and T. F. Wright, and Mr. Wm. J. Cutler, on the part of the Association; and of Rev. S. M. Warren, and Messrs. F. A. Dewson, Albert Mason, Francis Phelps, and E. A. Whiston, on the part of the Union. Meetings have been held monthly, except in August.

It has not seemed well to employ, the past season, ministers on vacation, but rather to promote the work of the theological students in supplying the wants of small Societies, and especially to undertake the development of one Society through the employment of a minister resident within its limits and devoting much of his time to its welfare. For this purpose the Rev. G. F. Stearns, who is well known to the members of the Association, was located at Mansfield, where he could receive a fair local support. He began his work in June, holding services regularly at Mansfield every Sunday morning, and at several points in Easton and elsewhere in the afternoon. At Mansfield he also conducts a Sunday-school. The number in attendance upon the Mansfield meetings is larger than ever before, and the prospect of further development is good. The other meetings which Mr. Stearns has held have been attended by good-sized congregations. He has arranged for a series of meetings in Norton, and seems to be engaging in his work with energy and skill.

During the past six months the General Pastor has continued his usual labors, of which report will be made next spring.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH PETTEE, *Chairman.*

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

THE Executive Committee would report that it held a meeting in Boston on the fifth day of May, when it considered the application of Mr. S. C. Eby, for ordination by the General Pastor, and expressed its unanimous approval of his ordination. It also selected the delegates of the Association to Convention. At the same time it considered a communication from the Committee on the Magazines, by which was transmitted the following resolution:—

“*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of the Committee on the Magazines, the publication of the Magazines performs a use which is highly important, considering its trifling cost to the Association, and should by all means be continued.”

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH PETTEE, *Chairman*.

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS.

THE membership of this Committee has been increased by the coming of Rev. G. F. Stearns. It has met monthly except in August, and has considered many subjects brought forward by its members, among which were “the necessary intellectual preparation for membership in the New Church,” “the process of fermentation and its correspondence,” “the Scripture proofs that angels are from the human race,” “the effect of the illumination of Swedenborg’s mind upon his knowledge of the letter of the Word,” “the choice of portions of the Word to be read in public Worship,” “the relation which a Christian should bear to a person of vicious character,” “the advisability of preparing a book of Prayers,” the question as to the day of the Crucifixion, and matters relating to the meaning of the Word.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH PETTEE, *Chairman*.

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
NEW-CHURCH UNION.

THE business of the Union during the seven months since the Annual Report was presented, has proceeded quietly, and with no unusual changes or more than common activity. During the corresponding season of last year we felt the influence of the somewhat extraordinary effort made by the Swedenborg Lecture Bureau, the results of which, continued through the fall and winter, in lectures, and distribution of "Heaven and Hell," and other Church literature, made a considerable addition to the active work performed at the Rooms, which were also the headquarters of the Bureau. No effort has been made this season to continue the work on the scale of last year, the time of the Presidential election not being favorable for extended lecturing, nor the condition of general business to the collecting of sufficient additional funds for the prosecution of the printed work.

It is, however, likely that arrangement may be made for the delivery of some of the lectures in favorable localities.

So far as a definite and quiet continuance of the uses so actively inaugurated by the Bureau is feasible, they may well be considered and assumed as a part of the regular work of the Union, to be continued to the extent its funds will justify expenditure.

The attention of Societies was earnestly sought in regard to the importance of supplying their contributions early in the year, and we are glad to report that some measure of success has been the result. A much larger amount than usual at this season has been forwarded to the Agent, and we have thus been freed from the usual necessity of borrowing money in advance of the regular receipts.

In accordance with the suggestions of the last Report, the Committee decided to try the experiment of employing Rev. G. F. Stearns in missionary work in connection with a residence at Mansfield, and definite support of public worship in the chapel of that Society. Mr. Stearns entered upon this work in the early summer, but circumstances have prevented much active work outside the Society there, and the full year is needed to determine the result.

The two Magazines show a slightly decreased subscription list, a condition which might easily be changed if some definite interest in the matter could be taken in the Societies of the Association.

The printing office has been busily and profitably employed upon the Magazines, and upon a variety of Church work for other bodies and individuals, including the General Convention's Journals and Reports, manuals of the Boston Society, Sabbath-school manuals for the Board of Publication, and work for the Theological School, the Missionary Board, and others.

We have, by arrangement with Rev. John Worcester, prepared and published a new edition of his "Animals of the Bible," with the addition of some new material.

It is the intention of the Union to issue in season for the new year a "Swedenborg Calendar," the style of the mounting being unusually attractive, having a fine copy of the portrait by Schoff, and an appropriate extract from the Writings for every day in the year 1885.

The sales of books and the use of the Library continue about as usual. In the latter department an effort is being made to perfect and arrange a collection of the periodical literature of the Church, for which purpose donations of rare material will be welcomed. We have to thank the sister of the late D. H. Howard for the gift of his Latin editions of Swedenborg's works.

The Committee was requested by the Association to collect, if possible, and keep on sale, materials for the use and instruction of Sabbath-schools, in the nature of specimens of material illustrative of eastern habits of life. They have not been able to find any facilities for procuring such material in any economical way.

In consequence of difficulties arising from appointments of meetings at the Rooms without previous consultation or arrangement, resulting in confusion and disappointment, we have established the rule that no meetings can be held there except upon definite previous application to the Agent.

The Union has received from Rev. John Worcester, executor of the will of Mrs. Nancy Hills, lately a member of the Newtonville Society, a deed of the house owned by her in that village. The estate is subject to a life interest of the sister of Mrs. Hills, but will eventually add considerably to the resources available for our general or for some especial uses.

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, *President.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FUND FOR DISABLED
MINISTERS.

WE reported at the April meeting of the Association the amount of the fund in the hands of the Treasurer of the Union \$1,935.20. Since then we have received contributions amounting to \$37.00, making the present amount of the fund \$1,972.20.

Fortunately we have not been obliged to make any payments from the fund, and we trust we shall not be, until its principal is considerably increased. The Treasurer of the Union is liable at any time to be called upon for disbursements from its income, for the purposes for which this fund is held, and we sincerely hope that large contributions will be made to it before our next Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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E. A. WHISTON, } *Committee.*
R. C. KIMBALL, }

Oct. 9, 1884.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

WITH the approval of the Association expressed a year ago, and with the coöperation of the Theological School, this Committee last autumn opened a normal class of Sunday-school teachers, for instruction in Sunday-school work. The subject of study proposed was the literal story of the Bible; and letters were sent to all the Sunday-schools connected with the Association, inviting them to send to the class, teachers who are engaged in teaching the Bible history. About twenty-five could be accommodated, and every school was invited to send its proportion, the smallest schools being entitled to one each. Much interest was expressed, and the room was well filled, representatives being present from schools as remote as Fall River, Bridgewater, and Salem. But it proved impracticable for those from a great distance to attend regularly, and their places were filled by means of a somewhat freer invitation to those interested near by. The exercises were held on Thursday afternoons, in the school-room, from November 15 to April 24.

The first hour of every afternoon was occupied by a lesson from Mr. J. T. Prince, upon mental development and the methods of instruction and discipline. The second hour was given to a lesson

by the President upon the story in Genesis. The literal story was illustrated by maps, photographs, and other materials; the manner in which the story was shaped and preserved, was indicated to a considerable extent; and the spiritual sense was presented in as practical a form as possible. After all the explanations had been given, every lesson was read as it is suitable to present it to children, omitting what is beyond their grasp, though useful in the teacher's mind.

The Committee have a similar offer of coöperation from the Theological School the coming winter; and it is proposed to continue the class, with some changes. It is important that the subject of Correspondences should be somewhat fully presented this year in the Theological School, and it is proposed to invite the Sunday-schools to send teachers to whom that study will be especially profitable. It is intended to continue the Bible-reading through the Book of Exodus, and to take for special study the plagues of Egypt, the Tabernacle and its furniture, and the sacrifices, with their correspondences. A few words in regard to the study of Correspondences may set the scope of these lessons in clearer light.

We think there is a great use in training the young in this study at the proper age; and we think that much harm may be done by teaching it improperly or prematurely. If little children are taught that stones and water correspond to natural truth, silver to spiritual truth, gold to celestial truth, wood to natural good, lambs to innocence, heat to love, light to wisdom, and so on at considerable length, they do not know what natural truth is, and still less what is meant by spiritual and celestial truth, natural good and spiritual good. Neither do they know what "correspond" means, nor can they understand if it is explained. The repetition of such words, not conveying ideas, is so tedious to them, and rightly so, that they acquire a distaste for the whole subject, and may be prevented from receiving even appropriate spiritual instruction. But if before they have been injured in this way, and while still in open-hearted states, they are told that the Lord is the Sun of heaven, that His kind love warms all the angels, and His wisdom makes everything light around them; that with those who are especially innocent and gentle, there are lambs in their fields; but that evil spirits have evil animals near them; that when the children in heaven learn about good ways of life and love them, they have bright and

beautiful flowers in their gardens that seem to flash with their pleasure ; and that as they grow older and learn to do useful work, they have fruit-trees that bear good fruits,—when such things are told them in a simple descriptive way, they seem perfectly natural and very interesting. Without puzzling over the difficult word “correspond,” they see a natural relation between the internal and the external things, which is, indeed, the essence of correspondence, and which comes to them in tangible shape. Without depreciating the admirable efforts that our New-Church writers for children have made to teach them correspondences, we may be permitted to think that so far as they have been successful, their success has depended upon their excellent descriptions, and has been rather hindered by their philosophy and their technical terms. Descriptions are the natural food of children’s minds, and furnish the basis of their future strength.

But when the mind is capable of taking hold of the principles of the “Angelic Wisdom concerning the Divine Love and the Divine Wisdom,” which are the principles of the relation between spiritual things and natural, then, and not until then, it should be trained in the investigation of that relation, which is just what is meant by the philosophical term “correspondence.”

The rational mind is intermediate between spiritual things and natural ; its province is to investigate the relation between them ; and there is no other study so suitable for the exercise of the rationality as that which presents a full description of natural things on the one hand, and of spiritual things on the other, and shows the relation of cause and effect between them.

The objects of Nature furnish endless material for such study ; but those which are selected for the Bible story, and the other representatives which enter into that story, are the appropriate subjects for our attention as Sunday-school teachers ; and to the careful study of some of these we invite those teachers who will enjoy the work, and especially those engaged in the teaching of correspondences to youth.

For the Committee,

JOHN WORCESTER, *Chairman.*

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

CONSTITUTION.

1. THIS Association shall be called THE MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF THE NEW-JERUSALEM CHURCH.

2. The Societies composing it are the Boston, Bridgewater, Abington, East Bridgewater, and North Bridgewater Societies, and any other Societies of the New-Jerusalem Church admitted by vote of the Association.

3. The acting members of its meetings shall be its Ministers, and Delegates duly chosen by the Societies.

4. The Ministers of the Association shall be the General Pastor, the Pastors and Ministers of the Associated Societies, and any other Ministers recognized as such by the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, who reside within the limits of the Association. Acting under the provisions of the Constitution of the General Convention, the Association directs that a candidate who is ordained into the ministry with its sanction, shall be authorized to lead in public worship, to preach the Word according to the heavenly doctrines, to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper and the rite of Confirmation, and to consecrate marriages.

5. Each Society shall be entitled to three Delegates, and one additional Delegate for every twenty-five members, until the number of members exceeds one hundred; beyond which number, fifty additional members shall be required to confer an additional Delegate.

6. All members of the Associated Societies, in good standing in the same, may be present at, and take part in, the deliberations of the meetings; and may be appointed on Committees and charged with other duties by the Association.

7. The Officers of the Association shall be a General Pastor and a Secretary, together with a Committee of Ministers, an Executive Committee, a Missionary Board, and a Committee on Religious Education.

8. The General Pastor shall hold his office by a tenure similar

to that of the Pastor of a Society. He shall have a general supervision over the affairs of the Association, shall preside at meetings of the Association, and shall have authority to call special meetings thereof, to alter the time and place of holding meetings, and to convene the Committee of Ministers and the Executive Committee at his discretion.

9. The duties of the Secretary shall be those usually pertaining to that office.

10. The Committee of Ministers shall consist of all the Ministers of the Association.

11. The Executive Committee shall consist of the General Pastor and the Secretary, and of twelve Ministers and twelve Laymen to be elected annually. It shall act, in conjunction with the General Pastor, on all matters relating to the ordination of Ministers, the authorization of preachers when the General Pastor has not sole jurisdiction under the rules of the Convention, and on the application of Societies for institution and for their admission into the Association. This Committee shall act with the authority of the Association, and have a general superintendence of its affairs, in the interim of its meetings. It shall prepare business for the action of the Association, and shall hold meetings by previous appointment, or at the call of the General Pastor, or at the call of any five members of the Committee. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

12. The General Pastor, and four other persons, to be appointed annually by the Executive Committee, shall, with five other persons, to be appointed by the Standing Committee of the Massachusetts New-Church Union, together constitute the Missionary Board of the Association and Union. This Board shall have the entire charge and control of all the missionary and colportage work, and the appointment and direction of the persons by whom it is performed; but the compensation of such agents shall be fixed by the Standing Committee of the Union.

13. The Committee on Religious Education shall consist of five members, who shall be elected annually; and it shall be their duty to consider and report from time to time upon subjects connected with religious education.

BY-LAWS.

1. THIS Association shall meet semi-annually in April and October.

2. The Order of Proceedings at meetings of the Association shall be:—

1. Divine Worship.
2. Collection for the Massachusetts New-Church Union.
3. Calling the Roll.
4. Reports of Societies (in April).
5. Election of Officers (in October).
6. Report of General Pastor.
7. Report of Missionary Board.
8. Report of Executive Committee.
9. Report of Massachusetts New-Church Union.
10. Report of Committee of Ministers.
11. Report of Committee on Religious Education.
12. Reports of Special Committees.
13. Unfinished Business.
14. New Business.

3. All Reports of Committees shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the Chairman or a majority of the Committee.

4. All resolutions shall be in writing; and any motion shall be reduced to writing, and presented to the Chair, if desired.

5. At the close of each meeting, the Journal of its proceedings shall be read.

6. The Journal of each meeting, together with such Reports and other documents as the meeting may direct, shall be printed by the Secretary in such manner as the Association shall from time to time direct; but when a document is abridged for the purpose of publication, the Secretary shall preserve a copy of the original.

7. Each Society shall report to the April meeting of the Association, its statistics for the year, together with such other information as ought to be laid before the Association.

8. The Executive Committee shall elect the delegates to represent this Association in the General Convention, and the delegates thus selected shall be authorized to fill any vacancies which may exist in their number.

9. The Committee of Ministers shall annually revise the list of ministers, and report the same to the Association.

10. When the application of a Society for admission into this Association is granted, if delegates from the Society be present, they shall be received by the Presiding Officer in a manner similar to that in which he would receive members into a Society.

11. In case any question arises as to the respective duties or jurisdiction of the Association and Union, a convention shall be called upon the request of either body, to consist of the Standing Committee of the Union, and the Executive Committee of the Association; and the action of such convention shall be considered final, until annulled or modified by the Association or the Union.